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Leaders seal 'unbreakable alliance' with jobs action plan and plea for peace in Ulster

Clinton and Blair hail new partnership

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PRESIDENT CLINTON told the IRA to lay down their guns for good yesterday as he and Tony Blair put moves to win peace in Northern Ireland and the worldwide creation of jobs at the heart of a new Anglo-American partnership:

On a day of serious talking, socialising and displays of mutual admiration, the two men hailed "a new generation of politics and a new genera-

Standing side-by-side in the Downing Street rose garden, the Prime Minister said that they were of a generation that preferred reason to doctrine.
It is strong on ideals but indifferent to ideology, whose instinct is to judge govern-ment not on grand designs but by practical results."

Mr Clinton echoed the sentiment, saying: I don't think it is the end of ideology, but I think it is the end of yester-

day's ideology." Mr Clinton also paid tribute between America and Britain, inviting the Prime Minister to visit Washington soon. "Over the last 50 years our unbreakable alliance has helped to bring our people unparalleled peace and prosperity and

security."
As their wives took lunch at ll Downing Street before going to the Shakespearean replica Globe Theatre, the enders comented their friendship and tried to show they could do business together. They sealed the new relationship by unveiling a two-year initiative to promote jobs.



They go back a long way — yesterday morning, wasn't it?"

through encouraging flexible job markets, acting to reduce the growing underclass dependent on benefits, and re-

ducing employers' costs.
The idea will be pursued through America's presidency nations and by Britain when it takes over next year. The two leaders will formally put the plan to the G7 summit in Denver next month and Gordon Brown will chair a special meeting of finance and employment ministers in Britain next January. A full action programme is expected to be agreed at next year's G7 summit in Birmingham.

Mr Clinton also delighted his host by backing British calls for an unequivocal IRA ceasefire before Sinn Fein could be allowed into all-party talks, and telling the Republi-

In perhaps his strongest intervention so far, Mr Clinton said: "You can't say 'we'll talk and shoot — talk when we're happy and shoot when were not. Every political pro-cess in the world is a struggle for principled compromise, which means when it's over, no one is 100 per cent happy."

It was tragic for Northern Ireland "to move into the wonders of the 21st century with the shackles of almost primitive hatred" raging be-tween its peoples. But he stopped short of saying how quickly Sinn Fein should be illowed into talks if a ceasefire were announced. Mr Clinton said efforts to clinch a lasting peace could succeed only if there was an unequivocal ceasefire, in deed and in word. "Again, I urge the IRA to lay

wn their guns for good. We be a new British Government that has taken what are, steps and made statements that I think are clear, unequivocal and appropriate," he said. And while it was up to the parties involved to bring about a settlement, he promised: We'll be there, active and involved, along the way."

Earlier Mr Clinton had become the first American president for nearly 30 years to address a British Cabinet, telling ministers that he had watched with enormous inter-Continued on page 2, col 6

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America's First Couple, Bill and Hillary Clinton, being welcomed at the steps of No 10 Downing Street by Tony and Cherie Blair yesterday

Yuppie soulmates take in dinner and a show

THE Clintons came to London yester day intent on having a ball. It was, after all, the last day of their European mini-break before having to return home and confront that unfortunate court business concerning Paula Jones. It all went hugely well. Bill was among old buddies, the sun warmed

the capital to a late spring simmer, no one threw him awkward questions about his past life, and he received a rare accolade for a visiting head of

state - a round of restrained and dignified table-thumping from the British Cabinet.

For a Government that does not object to being occasionally portrayed as a mite puritannical, even a touch Cromwellian, it was an expansive gesture indeed to an American soulmate of new Labour. Only John Prescott managed to maintain a steady glower throughout.

But a truer gesture of new-found Anglo-American solidarity occurred last night, when the Blairs took the Clintons to dinner at the Pont de la Tour restaurant near the south side of Tower Bridge, an expensive establishment set up by Sir Terence Conran. whose prices even in normal times confine the clientele largely to successful young lawyers and media

Air Force One touched down at Heathrow from The Hague at 10.20 in the morning, and an 12-vehicle motorcade, including three black bulletproof Cadillacs and the obligatory ambulance, accompanied by a swarm of

police outriders, drilled through the London traffic to deliver the Clintons at 10 Downing Street at 11.15, fifteen minutes ahead of schedule. The seasoned commuter knows that half-term week is a good time to drive in London. Had they arrived any earlier, they would have caught a Downing Street workman rolling out the red carpet and picking bits of fluff from it. The Blair Government is a

shirtsleeves, no-nonsense administration, and its headquarters are in a very Continued on page 2. column 3

Scrawny cat of the lottery

The man who runs Spain's "El Gordo" lottery, the world's richest, earns £30,000 a year, compared with the Camelot Chief Executive, Tim

Al Fayed takes over Fulham

Mohamed Al Fayed, chair-man of Harrods, became chairman and major shareholder of Fulham Football Club, which has just moved up to the second division.

He promised heavy invest-ment to restore the club to its former glory", including new players and improvements to

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Euro fear grows as Kohl's clash with bank widens

By PATIENCE WHEATCROFT CITY EDITOR

THE future of the European economic and monetary union was hanging in the balance between the German Government and the Bundesbank appeared to intensify.

Although the European Commission is insisting that

the move towards economic and monetary union will con-tinue on schedule, bankers and politicians throughout Europe are increasingly scep-tical that the current timetable can be met, and many feel that EMU may have to be abandoned, at least temporarily.

The likelihood of a Socialist Government taking control in France after Sunday's second round of balloting, coupled with the German debacle, is casting doubt on the whole question of monetary union, with many pundits now be-lieving that a single hard currency looks impossible to

"The Bundesbank's move leaves EMU looking dead in the water," David Marsh, a German expert with the bankers Robert Fleming, said after talking to leading members of

the Bundesbank's policy-mak-ing council in Frankfurt.

The German Covernment's efforts to revalue its gold reserves to meet the monetary stability criteria for entering EMU came under increasing criticism yesterday, both in serves to meet the convergence Germany and abroad. In criteria has incensed the



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London, Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor and most pro-European of the contenders for the Tory leadership. fully backed the Bundesbank's opposition to the move and said it pointed to the need for a postponement of the 1999 start "It strengthens all the argu-

ments for delay, and it may be a substantial delay, because it would be quite wrong if any country were to go ahead unless they were genuinely convergent, Mr Clarke said. The suggestion, from Theo Waigel the German Finance Minister, that the country should revalue its gold re-

serves to meet the convergence

Bundesbank, whose members have condemned it as "creative accounting" and "cooking the books". Yesterday the opposition Social Democrat Party called for Herr Waigel's resignation, saying his greed had ruined Germany's reputation as the champions of monetary stability.

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, a former close ally of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, is said to be ready to resign if the Govern-ment insists on pressing shead with the gold revalua-tion. Other Bundesbank directors, including Otmar Issing. an outspoken critic of the gold revaluation scheme, would almost certainly follow Herr Tiermeyer's lead, pushing the

. The Bundesbank has little to lose from the battle. In a fully fledged EMU, it would bank. As one observer put it: "The members would be prepared to die for a good cause but they will not be sacrificed

of advice." he said.

Chancellor's position further child its power as a central

Mr Clarke said he believed the Bundesbank's advice that the scheme should be abandoned was right and that the German Government should pay attention. "Politically, they would be unwise to charge ahead in the teeth of this kind

But the official line from the

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European Commission is that

the timetable for EMU re-

A WOMAN bank clerk who stole £2,300 while on slimming pills escaped jail yesterday after a judge criticised the pressures on women to stay

Tania Kilford, 31, claimed her behaviour was altered by

The judge told her: "There was pressure upon you to return to work perhaps earlier than you would have wished



Judge Lloyd: blamed

Slimming pills led depressed mother to theft, judge says

By Stephen Farrell

side effects from the slimming tablets she took while suffering post-natal depression. Judge Stephen Lloyd at Lewes Crown Court heard

that Kilford, a TSB bank clerk from Portslade, Sussex, was of 'impeccable" character before coming under pressure to go back to work and lose weight after the birth of her second



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you ... it was added to considerably by that other modern pressure of being

Kilford admitted two charges of theft, two of obtaining property by deception and asked for 25 other offences to be considered. She has since

paid back all the money.

Andrew Collings, defending, said Kilford and her husband had no financial worries and did not need the items she bought, which included a lavatory. Her behav-iour was "totally illogical", he

her, not least by her husband, to regain her figure," he said. "She went to the Surrey Diet Clinic and was given pre-scribed drugs. She simply walked in off the street and explained the position and handed the money over. She was not at any stage given any advice about side effects nor that she should be monitored. She then began offending."

The judge said the thefts would normally merit a jail term but accepted the mitigating circumstances. Sentencing her to 180 hours' community service and to pay £220 costs, he said: 'It's quite apparent to me that the combination of that depression with this drug did in my view lead you into totally unnatural behaviour."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mowlam tells Sinn Fein to get moving

The Northern Ireland Secretary has ruled out protacted negotiations between Sinn Fein and government officials on qualifications for the party's entry into the multiparty talks at Stormont. Mo Mowlam said yesterday that the current meetings with Sinn Fein could not go on indefinitely: Tony Blair's position is clear that it won't because we need to get moving." Dr Mowlam was on her first visit to Dublin since taking office, to meet Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister. They underscored the necessity of a cessation of terrorist violence ahead of Sinn Fein's entry into talks.

Firemen in race inquiry

Three firemen have been suspended and four others moved to other areas amid allegations of racism at Eltham fire station in southeast London. The entire Red Watch was disbanded after a visit by a sub-officer who saw racist posters and pictures displayed on the walls. One of the posters, daubed with the caption "muggers", was of a black Olympic athletics team. London Fire Brigade said an investigation was being held.

Australians' plea to Blair

The women forcibly sent to Australia as orphans 50 years ago want to see Tony Blair during their British visit for help in tracing their families. Sheila Pearce, who organised the visit of 40 women, said: "Mr Blair promised before he became Prime Minister he would help and there are thousands who need it." The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, met the women at Westminster Hall and said: "Your story has touched me very deeply".

Corn Exchange plans

The Corn Exchange in Manchester city centre, an Edwardian building badly damaged by the IRA bomb last June. is to be restored by its owners. Frogmore Investments. More than £1.7 million has so far been spent on emergency repairs, and Frogmore now plans to spend £5 million on fabric restoration. They hope to reopen the Corn Exchange in autumn 1998 as a mix of retail and food outlets, with a 170-bedroom hotel a pub. restaurant and a night club.

Servicemen handed over

Two British servicemen threatened with the cape for robbing a taxi driver of £19 in Singapore have been released into British military custody. Royal Marine Richard Britten. 22. from Plymouth, and Craftsman John King. 20, from Alford. Aberdeenshire, were accused of robbing the driver while on shore leave from HMS Galahad. If convicted, they faced at least 12 strokes of the cane and up to 14 years in prison.

No win, no fee tribunals

A London solicitor is setting up the first law firm dedicated to claims of discrimination and unfair dismissal on a contingency fee basis. Lawrence Davies says he will bring the industrial tribunal claims for no charge but take up to 30 per cent of damages he recoups. Contingency fees are generally prohibited for "contentious" litigation, but Mr Davies has discovered a loophole which defines industrial tribunal proceedings as non-contentious.

Ooh aah, £15,000

The last Manchester United shirt worn by Eric Cantona fetched £15,350 in an 11-hour radio auction. The shirt for the testimonial fund in aid of the Coventry City defender David Buust. A Greater Manchester family bought the top. A bid of £3.700 was made by 164 Liverpool supporters who wanted to burn the shirt.

Medics reluctant to stay

More medical students are considering leaving Britain after qualifying than at any time in the past. Twenty-five per cent are likely to go abroad or are thinking about doing so. according to a survey of students who qualified in 1993. A decade ago only one in ten considered leaving. The survey, in the British Medical Journal, found that one in ten had decided to leave, with one in seven unsure about staying.

Cattle markets criticised

Campaigners for animal welfare called for an independent inquiry into what they claim is the brutal and often illegal treatment of livestock at auction markets. Cattle, sheep and pigs are kicked, beaten with sticks, prodded with electric goads and held for hours in overcrowded pens without water, according to a report by Animal Aid, a charity that

Posthumous degree

A student is being awarded his degree in civil engineering posthumously by Teesside University. Jonathan Ingledew, 29, of Middlesbrough, died of a brain tumour in December, shortly before his final examinations. He had served seven years in the Army. Michael Sheffield, the Teesside Coroner, yesterday recorded a verdict of death from natural causes.

Mutual praise at Cabinet marks new high in links between Britain and US

Leaders cement special relationship

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR and Bill Clinton lavished praise on each other yesterday as the President began his "day of fun" in London by addressing the Cabinet - an honour only previously given to President Nixon in 1969.

Mr Blair, with Mr Clinton on his right, said he hoped the visit would usher in "a new time of understanding and cooperation between our two countries, which have such strong bonds of history and heritage together.

"I want to say how absolutely delighted I am on a person-

al level to welcome you here because we believe that the courage and strength of leadership you have shown in the United States have brought enormous benefits not just to your own country but to the

In his opening remarks, which were televised. Mr Blair said Britain did not have to choose between a strong relationship with Europe and one with Washington. "I think the one strength deepens the other. A Britain that is leading in Europe is a Britain capable of ever-closer relations also with the United States of America." he said. Mr Clinton, who been ap-

and said he admired the brisk start his Government had made. "I have watched with enormous interest the energy and

plauded as he entered the

Cabinet mom and shook

hands with Sir Robin Butler.

the Cabinet Secretary, and

John Prescott, the Deputy

Prime Minister, before taking

his seat, replied: "I agree that

it is good for the United States

to have a Britain that is strong

in Europe and strong in its

relations with the United

States." Mr Clinton, the first

foreign leader to telephone Mr

Blair after his landslide vic-

tory, thanked him for being

invited to address the Cabinet

vigour with which you have all taken office and the optimism with which you pursue it," Mr Clinton, seated between Mr Blair and Sir Robin; said. This is a very exciting

time and I am glad to be here." The President, who flew to London after a Nato-Russia summit in Paris and a US-EU summit in The Hague, spoke of the need to "create within Europe a continent that is democratic, undivided and at peace for the first time ever". He said: "Europe has been periodically at peace but never all democratic and certainly never undivided."

Asked whether he had any advice for Mr Blair, Mr

very well. I would like to have a 179-seat majority. I am not going to give any advice. I am going to sit here and take it." As his Cabinet ministers

laughed, Mr Blair said he would like to emulate Mr Clinton, who easily won re--election last November. "I would like to make sure we have a second term of office," Mr Clinton had a special

word for Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, who is leading efforts to revive stalled talks over the future of the province. "I saw you on televison last night being opti-

my life and household - so l like that," Mr Clinton said. After his brief remarks ministers banged the cabinet table with their hands to show their approval

After reporters and cameramen were ushered out of the Cabinet Room, Mr Clinton stayed for more general political discussion with ministers. He discloses that he had read Labour's election manifesto and policy documents, and echoed some of its phrases including "for the many not the few, the future not the past, leadership not drift" and agreed that education was a



President Clinton at the Cabinet meeting with Tony Blair, John Prescott and Jack Cunningham. The President said he admired the energy of the new Government

Blairs and Clintons do dinner and a London show

narrow street. Only the first eight

cars of the presidential motorcade managed to squeeze past the wrought fun trying to turn round. The Cadillac Fleetwood will never catch on as a London taxi.

As Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped from the limo, Tony and Cherie Booth Blair were on the step to greet them. The President, still suffering from his fall during a night our with the boys, walked with a stick, an ornately carved item presented to him on a recent visit to Mexico. There were handshakes all round, but no kisses, no mwah,

mwah, that one might expect from a meeting of four immensely successful yuppie lawvers.

Bill and Hillary looked entirely laxed. Tony and Cherie a touch nervous. They lined up for the benefit of the monkey pen across the street, while the photographers shouted entreaties. "Stand closer together." "Stand on one leg. Bill."

After two minutes they all disappeared inside. There was speculation as to what they might be up to, given that they were all so obviously chummy: would Tony get out his guitar and Bill his sax to do a little jamming while the wives supplied doo-wah backing vocals? Not at all.

Mr Clinton was led into the Cabinet room and was invited to sit next to Mr Blair in the chair normally occupied by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, Mr Blair expressed his delight at his visitor's presence and the visitor, speaking off the cuff, said it was a great honour. and made complimentary noises about the new Government's energy. vigour and optimism.

Mr Clinton was asked what advice he would give the Government. They're doing very well. I'd like to have a 179-seat majority. I'm not going to give advice: I'm going to sit here and get it."

The women, meanwhile, were up respective ambassadors, and 15 other

to far more important business: officials, the men allowed themselves lunch. Cherie took Hillary to No II. three courses: marinaded and where with only five close aides. including the US Ambassador's wife, fruit salad. sea bass followed by lemon tart, but no starters. They were in a rush, for at 1.15 they were off in one of the three Cadillacs to the Globe Theatre on the South Bank to see Henry V, or at least the first half of it. You cannot do a

minutes, and they left shortly after Henry had captured Honfleur. Tony and Bill had half an hour of talks before they too adjourned for lunch. In the company of their

full-text version in an hour and ten

chargrilled vegetables, halibut, and

Blairs' three children suddenly emerged from the front door in the company of a nanny, were piled into a Ford Galaxy people-carrier from the government car pool, and were whisked away. Right kids, you've met the Clintons, now scram while mummy and daddy do some talking.

The bill for the evening is not known, but an average meal for two at the Pont de la Tour costs £120, Still, even a puritan government has to push the boat out now and again.

Clarke backs Bundesbank stand

continued from page I mains intact, and yesterday this commit-ment was underlined by the unveiling of the new single currency coinage. It is being minted with a low nickel content, so that allergic reaction may be kept to a

Herr Kohl's commitment to economic and monetary union has been the driving force behind the move towards the single currency. Some economists believe that his determination could yet bring about some kind of EMU, but fear that it could be dangerous if countries rush to join before real monetary stability is achieved. in France, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, has made clear that, if he wins power, he would not adhere to the strict inancial criteria of the Maastricht treaty.

Earlier this week Martin Taylor, the Barclays Bank chief executive who is an adviser to the British Government, issued a warning of the dangers of a loosening of the critera for a move to a single currency. He said that if the politicians were not brave enough to scupper it, then the currency speculators should move into the financial markets and put paid to it. Last night he reiterated that view. "The idea that governments are always benevolent and markets always mischievous is

mistaken," he said. Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest bank, said he believed that the idea of monetary union was not yet dead. There's obviously a strong commitment at the top levels in France and Germany for currency union to start on time, but

clearly what is happening in the French elections coupled with this rather public dispute in Germany raises doubts about whether, in practice, they are going to be able to find a satisfactory way through."

Last night Herr Waigel defended his

Government's determination to go ahead with the revaluation, insisting that the resulting surplus would not go into Bonn's coffers but into the Inherited Debt Redemption Fund. The Bundesbank has agreed to this happening in 1999. "What is right in 1999 cannot be wrong in 1997 or 1998." Herr Waigel said.

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New partnership

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The warmth in the two leader's personal dealings was evident throughout the day from their greetings in Downing Street, their private talks, their press conference. and their appearance with their wives in a London restaurant last night.

There were plenty of jokes in public, and Mr Clinton uggested that he was there to listen to advice rather than to give it. His only public counsel was to tell the Prime Minister

to keep concentrating hard on the issues of most concern to voters and he had in the election campaign. "Relaxing concentration is fatal in this business."

And his statement that politicians should not promise more than they could deliver Mr Blair's mantra throughout 3 the election campaign - was music to the Prime Minister's ears. He reacted with relish saying: The progressive par-ties today are the parties of fiscal responsibility and pru-dence. You do not do anything for anybody by making a wreckage out of the economy."

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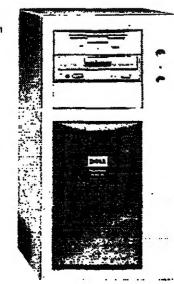
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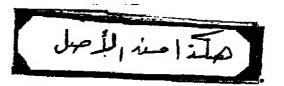
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Political wives go to see another young English leader prove himself, but they miss the ending

nship Cherie and Hillary show beats the Bard

faced some tough competition craned to see the action on at the Globe Theatre yesterday. While the cast performed Henry V, two ladies seated in a box to the side of the stage performed a distracting dou-ble act that captivated the

Cherie Blair and Hillary Clinton were said to have "got on like a house on fire" over lunch and by the time they reached the theatre were chatting animatedly. Downing whenever the French charac-Street said later that Mrs ters came on stage, was the Clinton had been advising Mrs Blair on bringing up children in the public eye.

Mrs Clinton must have felt quite at home when she arrived at the Bard's reconstructed theatre. The place was full of folks from back home who had come to see the matines. and were rather surprised to find their First Lady striding

towards them across the foyer. "Ah, Americans!" said a similarly astonished Mrs

Clinton as the throng clamouring to shake her hand emitted very un-British whoops. Where are you from? she asked and even started talking to one couple about the success of their.

last election. Local schoolchildren were wheeled out to meet the two wives and an exhibition about the theatre was examined before the show commenced. The performers entered to loud applause and cheers, have space to lead as normal a-Then the cast of the play came

Democrat congressman in the

Mark Rylance, playing The Clintons have been Henry coincidentally a new dogged in preserving the priyoung leader seeking to prove yacy of their daughter Chelhimself in Europe - and the other poor professional thespians had to content themselves with an audience who were watching them out of the corners of their eyes. The problem was that the women and their party had been seated in one of the boxes conspicuously situated to the side of the stage. In Shakespeare's day, lops, dandles and other show-oils would sit and preen themselves there, as it is a spot specifically designed for those wishing to be sightlines are awful. Mrs Clin- the privacy of the children.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE ton in particular frequently

She would also have missed Zoe Wanamaker, daughter of the American actor Sam Wanamaker whose brainchild it was to rebuild the Globe, shedding sentimental tears before the performance began in

an adjoining box.

Down in the yard with the groundlings who stood for the performance, and led the boos. production's director, Richard Olivier, son of Lord Olivier. "I wasn't asked to meet them," he said theerfully. "I think they wanted to meet children,

In hot sunshine more conducive to a post-prandial nap than sitting still under close scrutiny, the leading ladies did not let even the tiniest yawn escape during the hour of the show for which they stayed. Mrs Clinton laughed a lot but Mrs Blair did most of the talking between scenes. Mrs Clinton inched her chair closer to her new friend the better to

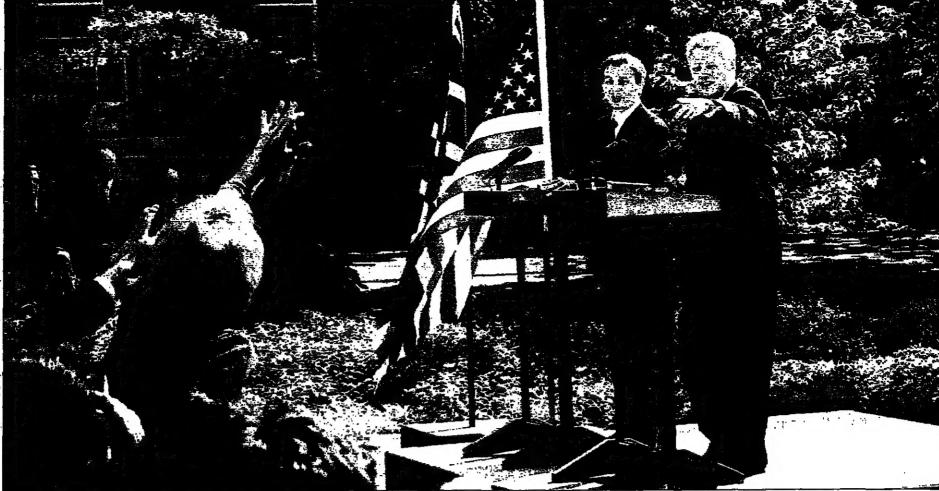
The pair had lunched on sea bass and salad followed by lemon tart with just a couple of aides and Mrs Blair's sister Lindsay for company A Downing Street spokesman said: "Mrs Clinton was full of sound advice about how to deal with the transition when you are also trying to raise

children. In their separate conversa-tions. Mr Clinton told Mr Blair: "Make sure the children life as possible, given the obvious constraints."

sea, who rarely appeared in public until last year when she went on tour to Eastern Europe with her mother and joined her father on the campaign trail. In her book It Takes A Village Mrs Clinton wrote: "If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do matters

There has been much media interest in the Blair youngsters - Evan, 13, Nicky, 11, Kathryn, 9. Downing Street has already made an appeal to the media to respect

very much."



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Mr Blair and President Clinton answering questions in the Downing Street rose garden yesterday, "Relaxed concentration is fatal in this business," Mr Clinton said

Outlook is rosy as Bill offers Tony a little honeymoon advice

the Downing Street rose garden was in 1995 when John Major stunned them by announcing that he was resigning the Tory leadership (Philip Webster writes). Yesterday it was all harmony as British and American

The last time the press was called to journalists assembled in the blazing sunshine to await the leaders. The Prime Minister and President Clinton posed for a while on the balcony. Tony Blair apparently pointing out to the President the features of the garden, and then they walked round

to their podiums, past a bird table. Keeping their jackets on, they took it in turns to invite questions. Mr Blair started by calling his guest President Clinton, but later he became "Bill". Mr Clinton was repeatedly pressed to give Britain's new Government advice, and eventually agreed to do so, noting that his own "honeymoon" in office had lasted about "35 seconds". The President said that "real people", who had to worry every day about how to feed and educate their children, wanted

to know that its government was "at the task", adding: "My only advice is to maintain the same level of concentration in administration that was shown by all of Labour in the campaign, Relaxed concentration is

What a difference a good cut makes

By GRACE BRADBERRY, STYLE EDITOR

ONLY seven years separate Hillary Clinton and Cherie Blair, but yesterday their ciothes revealed a gaping generational gap. Both wore knee-length jack-

ets, but what a difference in the cut. Were Diana, Princess of Wales, to stand next to the Queen, there could scarcely be At 42, Mrs Blair looked

svelte and glamorous. The tailored frock-coat emphasised her stim waist and flattered her legs, flaring out to stop just bove the knee. Mrs Clinton's coat appeared to have been cut to cover. Lest anyone should catch a glimpse of her figure. she had buttoned it securely to the neck.

Even the colours smacked of different cras. While Mrs

year's discreetty fashionable colours. Mrs Clinton went for blue. Blue may be the colour this summer, but the First ers of the 1960s.

Both wore court shoes, but Mrs Blair's were a little higher, helping her to create a long, both had opted for nude-look summer tights. Mrs Clinton's appeared to have a gloss finish.

But if Mrs Blair looked the part of the first lady, it was Mrs Clinton who played it best. After 42 years in the White House, she has perfected the distant expression and uncompromising wave. With her nesitant wave and meek smile, Mrs Blair looked more like a newly appointed head girl. While her husband changed for dinner, Mrs Clinton wore the same outfit.



Hillary Clinton and Cherie Blair outside No 10

Eagle landed with mobile protection

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

IT TOOK 12 vehicles to get President and Mrs Clinton from Heathrow to Downing Street. While other long-suffering motorists were taking up to an hour or more to get to central London, the Clinton motorcade made the 17.7-mile journey in 35

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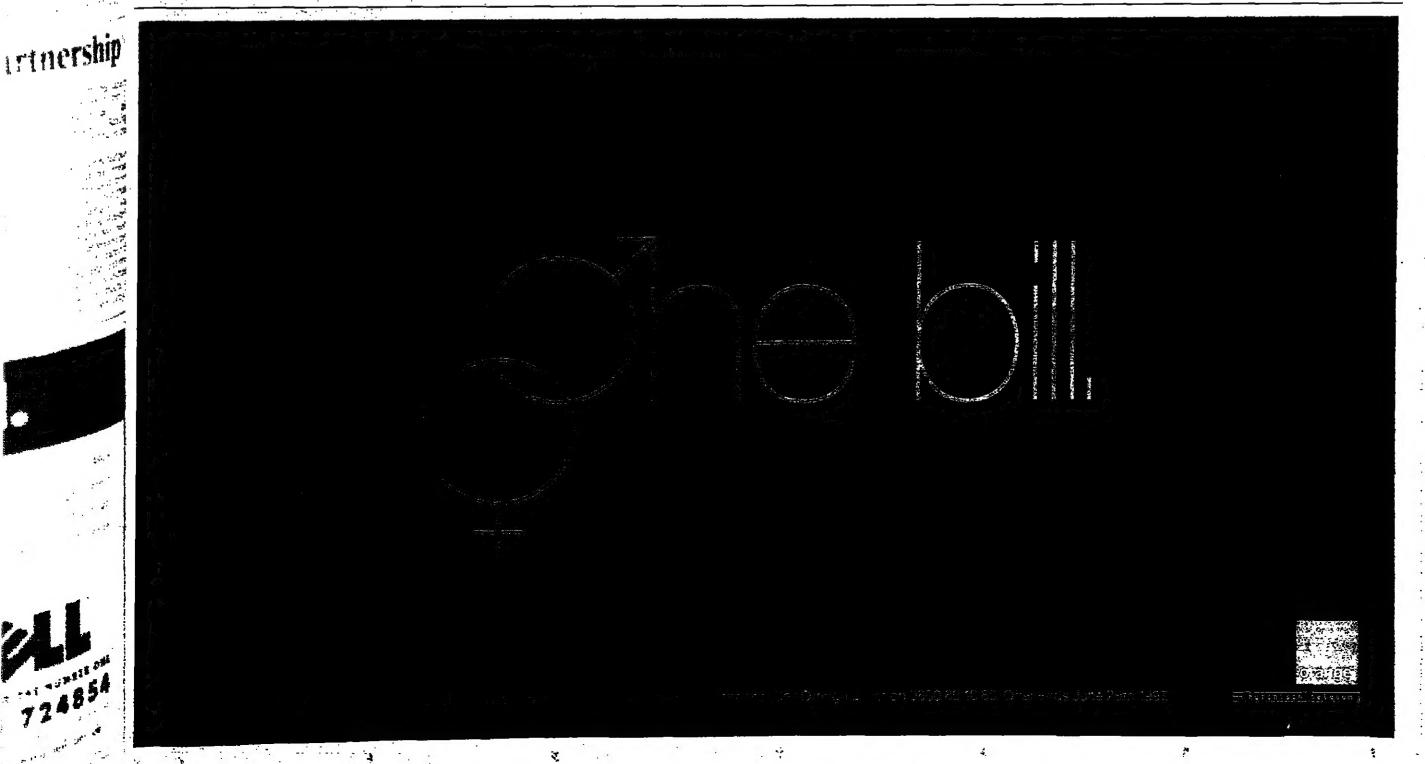
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along in the outside lane of the M4. Then traffic at junctions was stopped as the vehicles passed, and on at least one occasion in central London the cavalcade crossed to the wrong side of the road to ensure that Mr and Mrs Clinton arrived on time at No 10.

The men and women who piled out of the motorcade when it arrived have the unenviable task of protecting "The Eagle" and The Evergreen", as Mr and Mrs Clinton are known to the Secret Service. Heading the convoy was a

Metropolitan Police Rover sa-

loon containing armed officers from Scotland Yard's Special Escort Group. Other vehicles included a Metropolitan Police by officers from Special Branch's A Squad, responsible for protecting VIPs: the presidential limousine; a bombproof Cadillac; a black American pick-up crammed full of Secret Service men and women whose job is to put themselves between a potential assassin and the President and who had been given special permission from British authorities to carry their own weapons: a military ambulance and mobile hospital; and bringing up the rear, three press



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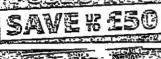
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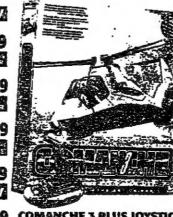
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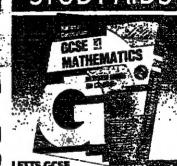
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Spiritual masterpieces emerge into modern world with £16m price tag

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A MAGNIFICENT collection of medieval enamels, arguably the world's finest in private hands, is coming onto the market and could fetch more than £16 million.

Exquisite caskets, crosses and candlesticks from the 12th to 14th centuries are among 160 treasures that once adorned abbeys, churches and cathedrals throughout. Europe. Nothing like this collection, amassed for a Swiss foundation by Edmund de Unger, a Hungarian barrister who came to Britain in 1949, has appeared on the market for more than 25 years.

Some dealers and curators believe that the sheer number of outstanding pieces even overshadows the Victoria and Albert's Thomas à Becket casket, which dates from the same period and which fetched £4.18 million at auction last year. Many of Mr de Unger's pieces bear the same Limoges craftsmanship.

The Keir Collection, socalled because he once lived in a Wimbledon house with that name, will be sold by Sotheby's in New York in November. The treasures include a delicate 1220s Virgin and Child statuette carried as an icon in battle against the Moors; an 1180s plaque from a metre-high cross that relates to two pieces in the British Library and one in the Vati-

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can; and a 1200s gable-shaped plaque representing two martyred saints from a chasse which is linked to an exhibit at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Sotheby's said it must originally have contained relics of the Four

Crowned Martyrs.
Looking at the 1180s plaque, which depicts two angels, Mr de Unger said: "One of the beauties of medieval art is it's a spiritual art. Nothing sensual, which appeals to me. It has a harmony, a serenity, a silent dignify. It mirrors the belief of the people of the Middle Ages. We don't believe in anything. The age of belief is gone."

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He said the collection was being sold because such pieces no longer appeared on the market: "Unless you can continue the collection and add to it, it becomes a dead, static collection."

Collecting was a disease, he said, but it was "the hunt" that most excited him. The idea of owning objects did not interest him, partly because his family lost everything in Hungary. He said that his treatment at the hands of the Communists — he was imprisoned several times — and his subsequent escape was too painful to

He would not reveal anything about the foundation, the Dominate in Zurich, beyond that it was private and

discuss.

owned properties. He said that it had approached him after he discovered an important 15th-century Italian drawing. He began collecting at the age of 10; at 15, he bought a spectacular 14th-century carpet for just £4: "It is one of only nine in Turkey and two in Europe."

He added: "I send a lot and

He added: "I read a lot and go to museums. You can develop an eye. But you must be born with an eye."

He explained that he used to contact the Foundation if he spotted something he thought was worth buying. He dismissed the suggestion that he was a dealer "because a dealer has stock"; instead, his career was as a barrister specialising in international law. He added that the sale proceeds might go to charity.

He was buying treasures when the rest of the art world showed relatively little interest. He sees himself as the saviour of many of the pieces: "The objects speak to you. They were crying out, 'Please rescue us.' I rescued many things."

things."
Elizabeth Wilson, of Sotheby's, said: "This is an incredibly important collection. There isn't another with that number of objects. Such an amazing variety. There are objects in every category. Incense boats, chasses or reliquaries, plaques, candlesticks, crucifixes."

Part of the collection was lent to the British Library from 1981 to 1982. Its curator, Neil Stratford, described the quality as remarkable. "It has some really wonderful pieces in it. The great strength of the collection is in the Limoges, although there are some other very good pieces."

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The bulk of the collection was put together in the 1950s and 1960s by Ernst and Martha Kofler-Truniger, of Lucerne, who had at one time also owned the Becket casket. In 1971 Mr de Unger acquired those holdings for a seven-figure sum in a private sale and then continued adding to

Charles Truman, a leading antiques dealer, said: "Without doubt, it is the most important collection of medieval enamels to come on the market since the Kofler-Truming sale."



The Virgin and Child statuette from the 1220s was carried in battle against Moors

Minister calls for inquiry into silicone implant safety

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government ordered a review of silicone breast and lip implants or injections yesterday after hearing evidence that leakage from the treatment could cause serious illness.

Baroness Jay, the Health Minister, instructed Sir Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, to launch an inquiry after she met Radford Shanklin, a professor from the University of Tennessee, who has conducted research since 1986 into silicone poisoning.

His findings were shown

His findings were shown on BBCI's Watchdog Healthcheck yesterday. Baroness Jay said she was concerned that the programme showed many patients had been inadequately consulted about possible risks before agreeing to surgery

gery.

About 5,000 women a year receive silicone implants in Britain. Others have injections to lips, cheeks or chins. There have been two government reviews of the treatment, in 1992 and 1994, but both reported that there was no evidence of any danger.

Professor Shanklin, how-

Professor Shanklin, however, claims that up to 60 per
cent of the implants rupture
spontaneously and that,
after about 20 years, all of
them will have leaked. "I
have carried out autopsies
on women who have died of
this." he said. "I have found
it [silicone] in the brain, in
the heart, in the membrane
surrounding the lungs, in
the lymphodes up and down
the backbone and in the
bone marrow. It migrates
with the body fluid."

Chapman, a former army medical doctor who is now a consultant plastic surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital in London, said British doctors were undecided: "Personally I would be a little reluctant to advise anybody close to me to have silicone implants."

The Watchdog survey found that 73 per cent of women who had had im-

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter

plants were not warned of the dangers of silicone leakage: that 63 per cent now thought implants should be banned: and 57 per cent regretted having had the operation.

Margot Cameron, 43, who founded Silicone Support UK a year ago to help women who have suffered ill-effects after the treatment, is now waiting for a lip amputation operation to remove the silicone remaining in her lips after injection by a Harley Street doctor in 1990.

"My fiance paid £800 so that I could have it," she said last night. "I had thin lips and wanted something to put my lipstick on. For a few months I was very happy with it and then it all started to go wrong. I developed the symptoms of multiple sclerosis, rashes, fatigue, itchy scalp, blue feet, ringing in the ears, muscle spasms, palpitations and mouth ulcers. The list was endless.

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They said nothing was wrong with me and tried to put me on anti-depressants, but I decided to fight because I knew I had nothing wrong psychologically. I was clearly suffering from an organic illness. I cancelled my engagement and went to stay in America near my brother.

"There doctors treated me for free and I discovered that the silicone had leaked out of my lips all over my body and was poisoning me. Now I do not dare have a boyfriend and kiss him because any pressure on my lips would be dangerous."

Ms Cameron said she had been told that the only way to remove the silicone was to have her lips amputated and then reconstructed using the lining of her cheeks.

She returned to Glasgow just over a year ago and formed her organisation, which has been recognised by the Charity Commission. There are 1,000 women members, who claim they have been poisoned by their implants or injections.

Fans rock the art world in Clapton auction

By JOHN VINC

ONCE his fans could afford only a poster for their bedsit wall. Now some followers of the guitarist Eric Clapton have, like their hero, acquired a few expensive tastes. Interest from rock fans helped to push up prices yesterday as Christie's auctioned 31 items from his modern-art collection.

Clapton, 52, whose career began in the 1960s with groups such as the Yardbirds and Cream, has several homes including a mews property in Chelsea and a seafront villa in Antigua, but he needs more space to freshen his collection. This meant parting with works by Degas, Severini, Utrillo, and Matisse.

Severini, Utrillo, and Matisse.

The auction raised a total of £419,665.

The first item, Meditation, by the Italian Sandro Chia, realised £87,300 against a pre-sale estimate of up to £30,000. The final lot, Close By, from the British artist Bridget Riley, fetched £36,700 rather than

the expected sum of between £15,000 and £20,000. For those with a little less to spend, a Matisse fetched £13,800 and a Degas went for £7,820.

A Christie's spokeswoman said: "The sale was a great success. It seemed to attract the interest both of Clapton fans and art lovers. Clearly, the fact that it was Clapton who was selling the pieces was of interest to some people."

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Spice Girls' zig-a-zig-ah lyric wins song prize

By Kathryn Knight

THE Spice Girls were honoured with two songwriting awards yesterday for their No 1 hit Wannabe.

Their first hit single, best

Their first hit single, best known for its "ziga-zig-ah" refrain — "I wanna huh I wanna huh I wanna huh I wanna huh I wanna really really really wanna zig-a-zig-ah" — won Bestselling British Single and International Hit of the Year at the annual Ivor Novello Awards, which honours songwriters rather than performers.

The band arrived an hour

and a half late and left the patiently assembled photographers furning after turning up at a side entrance and refusing to pose for photographs.

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Receiving their first award,
Geri Hallivell asked the 500
music executives and musicians at the event to join her
in singing Happy Birthday
to Melanie Brown, the band
member who celebrated her
twenty-second birthday yes-

The band left the ceremony before picking up their second award, because they had to record a performance for tonight's Top of the Pops. Bill Wyman, the former Rolling Stone, was left to present the International Hit of the Year award to the girls' cowriters, Richard Stannard

and Matt Rowe.
Songwriter of the Year
went to George Michael, who
also took the Most Performed Work award for Fast

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Rifkind urged to lead breakaway party in Scotland

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH. SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Scottish Tory called yesterday for the creation of a separate Conservative Party north of the border to be led by Malcolm Riskind, the former Foreign Secretary.
Brian Meek, leader of the

Conservative group on Edin-burgh council, said that the party, possibly called the New Scottish Tories, should have separate funding, a separate manifesto and its own leader. The new party's MPs would take the Tory whip at Westminster as a sister party to the English Tories.

Mr Meek, who is on the left of his party, said that if his proposal split the Tories in Scotland and led to his supporters standing as candidates against Tories who remained with the London-based party, it would dismay him but it would be "a risk worth taking".

Mr Meek was a member of Mr Rifkind's campaign team Edinburgh Pentlands. which Mr Rifkind lost to Labour on May 1. During the election campaign Mr Rifkind spoke of the dangers of devolution but he has softened his stance in recent days.

Using his column in the Glasgow newspaper The Herald. Mr Meek also derided the contenders to succeed John Major. "We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by going for a separate Scottish identity." he wrote. "We have nobody to please but our

"We need a new party with a changed name, linked but not handcuffed to the English Conservatives, It would be a party which .. elected all its office-bearers and wrote its own contract/manifesto with the Scottish people." Mr Meek said that he was "sick of losing" and that the Tories in Scotland faced the "threat of extinction". He urged Scottish business to fund the new party, so as to have a voice in a

Sconish parliament. He dismissed John Redwood's opposition to constitutional change in Scotland and said: "Messrs Lilley, Dorrell and Hague have made it plain they are about as well-briefed on Scottish affairs as they are on Mongolian watercolours."

He has limited hopes of Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, saying that the imposition of VAT on fuel was "so unpopular in Scotland that it made the poll tax look like a roaring success" The call for a breakaway

has infuriated leaders of the Scottish Conservatives, who have called for a moratorium on discussions ahead of the Scottish party conference in Perth next month. One said: "Brian Meek's call is unhelpful and insensitive. It looks Ilke self-promotion," Annabel Goldie, chairman

of the Scottish party, said: The view expressed by Brian Meek is only one among many proposals which indicate the prospect of a stimulating and constructive debate at the conference in June."



Annabel Goldie, chairman of the Scottish Tories, said that their conference would discuss various proposals

Ancram support gives Hague campaign a lift

By Jul Sherman, chief political correspondent

WILLIAM HAGUE received a welcome boost to his flagging leadership campaign yes-terday when Michael Ancram, the former Northern Ireland Minister, pledged his support.

Mr Hague's campaign had suffered a setback after a speech last week that was widely interpreted as an attack on John Major. But Mr Ancram's decision to back the former Welsh Secretary was seen by other campaign teams

Mr Ancram is a centrist MP and has none of the right-wing trappings of other members on Mr Hague's team. His endorsement will allow the youngest leadership contender to claim cross-party support and present himself as a unity candidate.

"I am convinced that he is the man best equipped to fight the next election," Mr Ancram said yesterday. He added that Mr Hague alone had the ability to bring the Conservatives through a period on the Opposition benches and back to Downing Street.

"It is a long road ahead. He brings freshness, dynamism and the courage to grasp

difficult nettles such as party organisation and the review of

policy."
Tonight Mr Hague, back from a two-day break, will try to move up a gear with a hard-hitting speech to constituency activists in Manchester. He will announce details of a huge structural shake up in the party organisation, including changes in the selection of candidates, agents and leader-

ship rules. The endorsement from Mr Ancram came as all six candidates stepped up their cam-paigning, each staking their claim to be the most effective Opposition leader.

Michael Howard, whose campaign lost momentum after the broadside from Ann Widdecombe, made a keynote night claiming that Tony Blair had made "ten blunders" in his first month of office. They included letting the Bank of England set interest rates; banning cigarette advertising: holding referendums on devo-lution before full details had emerged about the Scottish parliament; and changing Prime Minister's question

time to a half-hour slot on Wednesdays.

Mr Howard broadened his

speech to warn against abandoning core Conservative beliefs or values in an attempt to win back power. In what was seen as a sideswipe against Kenneth Clarke, who has talked about new Conservatism, Mr Howard said the Tories could only learn techniques, not political salvation,

by studying new Labour.
Stephen Dorrell meanwhile claimed that Mr Blair's honeymoon was over as he stepped up his campaign with a speech in Stratford-upon-Avon. He accused Labour of betraying Britain within its first month in power. It was "trampling roughshod over the delicate checks and balances of our

unwritten constitution". Peter Lilley last night launched a regional tour in Leeds. His team believe they are gaining ground from Mr Hague and that the main threat now is from Mr Clarke. They privately admit that Mr Clarke is likely to lead in the first ballot, and possibly the with Mr Lilley.

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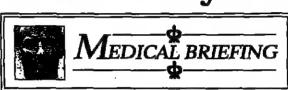
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patients to the infection. Until Aids became comparatively common, very few British doctors would ever have been confronted with a case of histoplasmosis but in patients with Aids a widely disseminated infection with histoplasma is often the termi-

In parts of the United States. histoplasmosis has always been more common, especially in the eastern states and the Mid West, particularly in large river valleys. The initial infection, caught by inhaling dust containing the spores of the fungus, usually settles in the lungs. The symptoms cough, fever, weight loss - are similar to other chest infections and have to be distinguished from TB and other causes of bronchitis, pneumonia and upper respiratory tract disease. Diseases such as sarcoidosis and Hodgkin's can also be confused with histoplasmosis but the diagnosis is confirmed by growing fungus from the patient's spit, lymph glands, or ulcers, in the

laboratory.
Sometimes it is localised to the lungs where, like TB, it can cause cavitation and fybrosis - destruction of lung tissue and scarring. In some cases the histoplasma fungi are carried from the lungs in the bloodsfream to other organs,

usually the liver, the spicen, lymph glands or the gut. If the disease spreads to the root of the lungs, it can cause severe fibrosis.

In Dylan's case it has appar ently spread to the covering of the heart, the pericardium. Such inflammation is a very rare complication in what is

usually a rare disease. Once histoplasmosis has anti-fungal drug of choice but it has to be given intravenous ly. Side effects are common and the treatment is not without risk. Such troubles as diarrhoez, nausez, headaches and joint pains can be tolerated but the patient's general condition has to be carefully monitored. Blood has to be checked regularly to see that liver and kidney functions are not damaged and blood cells

are not dangerously reduced. Amphotericin can also damage the heart and some patients have an acute allergic reaction. The speed and extent of a patient's recovery depend on the general state of health and the presence of any underlying disease or condition that might effect their resistance. Treatment with amphotericin is usually effective in ridding the body of the organism but cannot redress any damage that it may already have

A long convalescence is needed to restore general



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Silence continues as stars visit hospital

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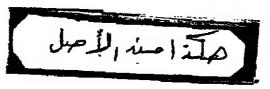
BOB DYLAN'S condition re- hospitals denied that Dylan mained a mystery yesterday as his manager and record company refused to comment. The singer was taken to hospital on Wednesday, just days before a British tour was due, after being struck down

by histoplasmosis, a potentialy fatal infection caused by fungus in the coronary sac. Calls to Jeff Kramer, Dylan's manager in Los Ange-

les, were diverted to Columbia Records, whose spokesman said only that he was "being well looked after". All the main New York

had been admitted into their care. However, a number of rock stars, including Bruce Springsteen, were spotted at the city's Cornell Medical Centre, raising speculation that they may have been visiting him.

Doctors said that the illness could be exacerbated by a rundown condition. Like many from the 1960s counterculture, he has been a smoker and drinker and has used hallucinogenic substances, all of which can weaken resistance to a coronary fungus,



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School task force sets the Saint against the Demon

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

DAVID BLUNKETT, the Education Secretary, will to-day announce a new task force on raising school standards. headed by two deeply opposed figures, regarded by teachers as a demon and a saint.

Mr Blunkett will chair the body, but has chosen as his deputies Chris Woodhead, the man demonised by teachers for his tough stance on standards and calls for traditional teaching, and Tim Brighouse, a hero to many teachers because of his pioneering methods as chief edu-cation officer in Birmingham.

Professor Brighouse has been one of the chief critics of Mr Woodhead's Ofsted, which he described in January as "a

reign of terror". Mr Blunkett will make the announcement at the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers in Scarborough. The exact relation of the new body to Ofsted and to the Government's new standards and effectiveness unit, set up three weeks ago, was unclear last night, but friends of Mr Woodhead said he was prepared for a fight to preserve Ofsted's independence.

Both men will remain in their posts but head teachers yesterday saw the plan as an attempt to control Mr Woodhead. Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat's spokesman on education, said Mr Woodhead's wings had been clipped. The chief inspector was criticised last year by the Institute of Education, the country's foremost teacher training centre, for "political

bias" in his reports.



57, represents the education establishment which Chris Woodhead criticises for its "woolly" thinking. A former deputy education officer at the Inner London Education Authority, he successfully sued John Patten, the former Education Secretary. for calling him "a nutter" Mr Patten agreed in the High Court in 1994 to apologise and pay damages of about £50,000. Professor Brighouse is seen as being rewarded for pioneering Labour education policies in Birmingham including testing for five-year-olds in their first term. He proposed putting the names of successful teachers on the back of buses. He said yesterday: "I consider this appointment a reflection of people wanting to bring into the sunlight the energy and skilful practices of staff in Birmingham's

tests in an article just days before the previous Government announced tables for seven and 14-year-olds. He was given a promise by Tony Blair before the election that his job would be secure, but

Chris Woodhead, 50, has waged a personal crusade against incompetent teachers during his three years as Chief Inspector of Schools which has not endeared him to the profession. As an English teacher at the start of his career, colleagues said be espoused the trendy methods he would later condemn. A former teacher trainer and education officer in Devon and Cornwall, he became chief English adviser in Shropshire. There he became convinced of the importance of traditional grammar. He dismisses much that is written by education academics as "woolly. simplistic, or otherwise corrupt". But his blunt rewriting of some inspection reports, such as last year's damning survey of English teaching in three London boroughs, led to claims that he was a "political poodle" of the Conservative Government.

Mr Blunkett is known to have been seeking a way to limit

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said:

rag to a bull. A more considered reaction would be that this is the Government's way of bringing the chief inspector under more direct control. Whether it stops him behaving as a loose cannon, only

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The last thing we want to see is a task force which is a vehicle for peddling Chris Woodhead's particular beliefs. Thank goodness his appointment is balanced by that of Tim Brighouse. His presence will provide some reassurance that we are not going to see an attempt to impose particular teaching methods."

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "As with all task forces, judgment has to be reserved until we see the product. Providing support for

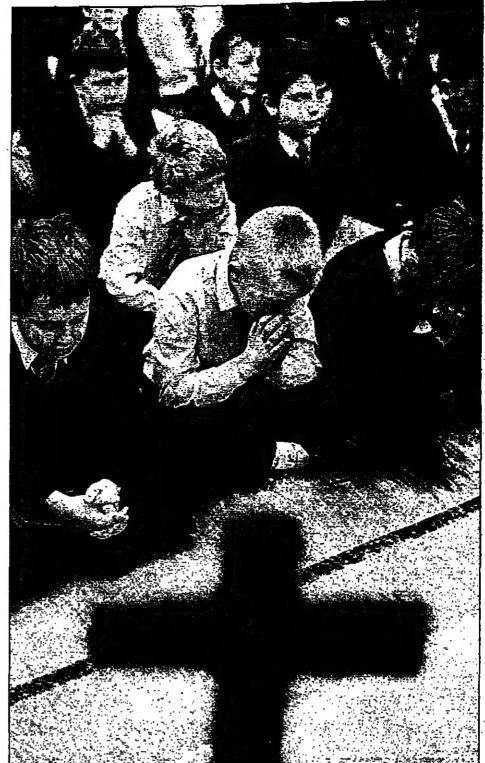
challenge for Mr Woodhead." Mr Foster said: "This is a clear attempt to rein in Chris Woodhead, to require that, before he makes any of his over-the-top remarks, he has to discuss them with other

senior people first."

A school in north London yesterday became the first failing school to be closed by the Government. St Richard of Chichester, a Roman Catholic secondary school in Camden, is to close next summer.

Education officials in Camden applied in January to close the school, which fell into a spiral of decline after being judged as failing three years ago. Inspectors found that pupils' behaviour was disruptive, classes were of a low standard and attendance was poor. Ten per cent regularly skipped lessons, placing the school in the bottom six for

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Children during prayers at Wycliffe Middle School in Shipley, west Yorkshire

to abolish daily acts of worship Heads seek

BY DAVID CHARTER

HEAD teachers promised yesterday to press for the abolischools feel it is hypocritical and impractical to enforce worship. A succession of heads, including the chairman of the Association of Christian Teachers, spoke against the law which requires a daily act

of worship. Last year 90 per cent of primary schools and 25 per cent of secondary schools obeyed the law, down from 100 per cent at primaries and 60 per cent at secondaries in

Chris Nye, head of Park Primary School in Gloucester, said: "My father was an archdeacon, my uncle's a bishop and my brother-in-law is a vicar. None of them goes to an organised act of worship every

day."
Diana Wayne, head of Cardrew Junior School in Cornwall, proposed abolition for a variety of reasons, including unease over "indoctrinating children. We have a rota of volunteer children who read a prayer of their choice. It

is very contrived." Simon Marsh, chairman of the Association of Christian Teachers, called for debate across all faiths on new guidance for worship in schools. Worship is a voluntary act of homage and love given to the God one freely serves. I am convinced that to enforce a hypocritical act does more harm to faith than almost anything else, he said.

Liz Paver, president of the National Association of Head Teachers, said she would make abolition her personal aim during her year in office.

Dons prepare to vote against revised plans for Oxford business studies

By MARK HENDERSON

OXFORD University faced fresh hostility yesterday to its plans to build a £40 million business school partly funded by a Syrian-born millionaire after a compromise scheme was announced.

School on a sports field in central Oxford said that they were not

would now be built on a disused goods yard near the railway station. The university is hopeful that its revised blueprint, published in full in the Oxford University Gaof most dons about the protection

plans in Congregation on June 17. Oxford's Vice-Chancellor, Dr Peter

to making management studies an additional focus for Oxford's tradition of academic excellence."

The original proposal to build the school on the Merton College zette today, will meet the concerns , sports ground in Mansfield Road was rejected by Congregation, the votes to 214 in a heated debate last November. Many dons opposed the use of a greenfield site which

vised plans for the school, which will unite to show its commitment on the condition that it remain a sports ground in perpetuity. Others expressed concerns about the school's accountability, the secrecy with which the plans were developed, and Mr Said's alleged in-

volvement in arms-dealing. Mr Said, who lives in Britain, £20 million donation if a home for the school is not found by June 21. He said: "I hope that the new site will provide a better foundation trustees. "We have to accept that if

upon which to build broad support for the new school."

Dr Alexander Murray, a medieval history fellow at University College and a leading opponent of the school, said that although the site was more appropriate there. were still serious constitutional how strong Mr Said's representa-tion would be on the board of

we don't have overall control we lay Party city councillor, said the ourselves open to excessive infli-compromise did not resolve his ence from people with slightly different motives to us," he said.

independent trustees, to allay the concerns of fellows about the the university.

Dr Mike Woodin, a psychology don at Balliol Collège and a Green

doubts about the school. "There will still be concerns about the Mr Said had originally hoped to degree to which Mr Said will have appoint six of the fen trustees, and control over the business school's it is understood he agreed in two. activities he said. We will fight to be sure there are no strings

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Three collies belonging to 1988 winner of One Man And His Dog had to be put down

Sheepdog trials star convicted of cruelty

who has featured on the BBC television programme One
Man And His Dog was convicted yesterday of ill-treating
five of his collies.

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Great Britain supreme champion, captain of the Welsh team and the current Welsh champion, were in such a poor state that they had to be put down: The other two later recovered in RSPCA kennels.

Jones was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £1.750 costs by magistrates at Llandudno, North Wales: However, they did not disqualify him from keeping dogs. Owain Evans, the chairman of the bench, said it would make it impossible to run his hill farm at Penmachino. He ordered that the two dogs in RSPCA care should not be returned to

Mr Evans told him: "We feel you have been extremely negligent for a man who has been involved with sheepdogs for most of your life and should have known these dogs needed adequate food and proper

Chris Dawson, for the pros-

ecution, said that all the dogs were in an emaciated, underweight, dirty condition and had skin problems. He said they were kept in unhygienic conditions.

Jones, 52, won the One Man And His Dog title in 1988 with his border collie Queen. The dog also helped him to win the world championships in 1987. He denied five charges of causing unnecessary suffering.

Mr Dawson named the three collies which had to be put down as Capp, which was blind, Meg and Kirk. The other two were both called Roy. He said that Capp was so thin it looked more like a greybound than a collie.
The prosecution say that

all five dogs were quite know-ingly caused unnecessary suffering and, in relation to the two older dogs. Meg and Kirk, the defendant acknowledged they were in a poor condition. In relation to some of the other dogs the defendant made excuses which simply don't stand up to careful examination. Dogs barking at each other a lot don't normally become skinny and emaciated

as a result. "The defendant wholly failed all five dogs and showed what can only be regarded as a wicked disregard to the suffering he forced them to

Kevin Paton, an RSPCA inspector, told the court that he visited Jones's farm last December after an anonymous complaint had been made to the society's Welsh headquarters at Brecon.

He said Jones had told him: "I feed my dogs, I fill their tins up. I have not been well and have been receiving treatment. I have been in an out of hospital in the last two years." Jones had told him he would take the dogs to the vet and they had been inoculated.

At the farm he was shown worming tablets from a vet, flea treatment and sacks of feed. He agreed that some of Jones's other dogs, although lean because they were working sheepdogs, were in an acceptable condition.

Jones told the court that one of the dogs, Kirk, had been third in the Welsh national championships in 1994. Taff, another of his dogs not involved in the charges, won the Welsh championship last year was second in 1995 and fifth in

championships.

He said he had been interested in working dogs since he

was 16 and had been in hundreds of competitions, winning thousands of pounds, He said he "felt gutted" when he heard the RSPCA had

taken away two of his dogs.

Mr Dawson asked him:

"You can't come to terms with the fact you have been right at the top and, when Inspector Paton discovered the state of those five dogs, you had just reached the bottom. He replied "No. Mr Paton said Taff wasn't in a good

condition, but he had been Welsh national champion." He denied the dogs were emaciated. "They were working dogs, and well fed." He

had agreed to Meg, 16. and Kirk, 13, being put down because they were old. After the verdict an RSPCA spokesman said: "We are pleased at the size of the penalty as this was a particularly severe case of neglect, but we are disappointed that Jones has been allowed to carry on owning dogs. He was convict-ed of ill-treating dogs, but he can go on keeping them."



Glyn Jones with one of his sheepdogs, which he maintained were well fed

Dead boy's family in mercy plea to judge

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER whose dangerous driving killed his clos friend escaped a long jail sentence yesterday when a judge listened to an emotional appeal for leniency by the

dead boy's family.
The parents of Simon Dunn were in the Old Bailey to hear Judge Capstick, QC, read an extract from their letter urging him to show mercy on James Pipe, who was 17 when he crashed his car during a high-

speed chase. The judge did not read the full contents of the letter, but said: "It reflects extremely well on the family." They felt very strongly that a custodial sentence would not serve any useful purpose. Instead they suggested a driving ban of at least five years.

In the dock Pipe sat with his head bowed as the extract of the letter was read. He described Simon Dunn, who was also 17, as being like a brother to him. He said he felt genuine remorse for causing his friend's death in March

The judge decided to send institution for eight months and banned him from driving for four years. The Dunn family, who live in Oxted, Surrey, refused to disclose any more of their appeal for clemency and did not comment as

they left court. The court was told that Pipe was speeding along twisting country lanes chasing another friend, Stephen Edwards, who had a high-performance car. He lost control at a bridge and

Pipe, who is now 19, lives with his parents in Wargrave. Berkshire. He pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous

Edwards, 19, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and was sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institution. He was banned from driving

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Tower-block boy, 10, dies helping his friends to 'lift-surf'

A BOY aged ten was helping two friends to "lift-sur!" when he fell almost 100ft to his death down the shaft inside a block of flats. The two other boys were on the roof of the moving lift as Paul Illingworth was dragged screaming down the side and disappeared into the darkness

Last night the oldest boy backed police in warning against the dangerous craze among tower-block children in Leeds. Nigel Dunwell,

16, said: "This is a warning to other heard him scream. Then nothing. I kids. It happened to my mate. Don't let it happen to anyone else.

Paul was holding open the door from the inside the shaft, and we climbed on the lift. He was closing the doors gently, so they wouldn't make any noise, but the lift moved too quickly and he got his hand caught between the doors and the

"He was dragged down by his arm. We tried to drag him up, but it happened so quickly. We saw his body being pulled down the gap and

was terrified. I thought he was mucking about at first.

Then the teenager and the other boy, Ian Leaverland, aged 11, heard Paul's body hit the bottom of the shaft at the 14-storey block in Swarcliffe, Leeds. The got out on the tenth floor and called the fire brigade. Paul died on his way to hospital.

Paul lived at the flats with his single-parent mother, Jean, and his brother, Cal, 20. Mrs Illingworth, who was being comforted by rela-

accident, said: "I did know about him playing in lifts before, and ! talked to him at length and explained how dangerous it was. He promised he wouldn't do it again. He always kept his promises in the past, but he wanted to be part of the

gang.

Boys of his age just treat it as an adventure, but they have got to learn how deadly it can be. Paul was just a normal boy, he loved life and he loved his mum. Now he won't grow up to leave school, to go out

with girls. He will never do any of those things." Detective Inspector Bob

Quantock said it appeared that children as young as seven had been riding the lifts regularly: "It's a crazy way to get a thrill. We have spoken to the other lads who were with him. Naturally they are very shaken up and frightened by what has happened, and guilty for being there. They saw it all. I would hope that, after this, they won't do it

lan's mother, Cheryl Leaverland,

will never lift-surf again I am not letting him out of my sight."

Derek Ward, a lift engineer with Leeds City Council said: "It is very difficult to stop youngsters getting

thousand times that lift-surfing is

dangerous. Ian is really shaken and

upset. Even though he tells me he

in if they want to. We are now having to put in pressed steel plates which are harder to get through." The Health and Safety Executive is investigating the death and police are preparing a file for the coroner.

First signing for Premiership's new boys is poetry in promotion

new boys in the football

The club from the south Yorkshire town better known for chops and Arthur Scargill first writer-in-residence. will be extolling the virtues of anyone who will listen. He is cost the club nothing. "We expect to set some

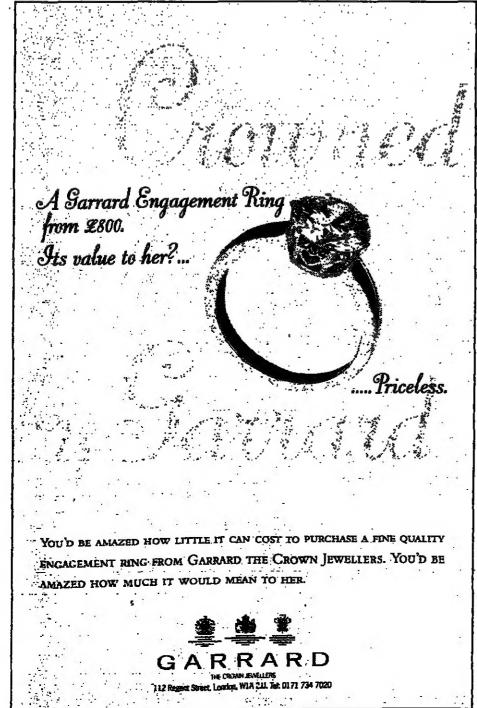
form of sponsorship or grant to cover his costs," Michael Spinks, the Barnsley secretary, said. "He will work for our Football in the Communencouraging them to write

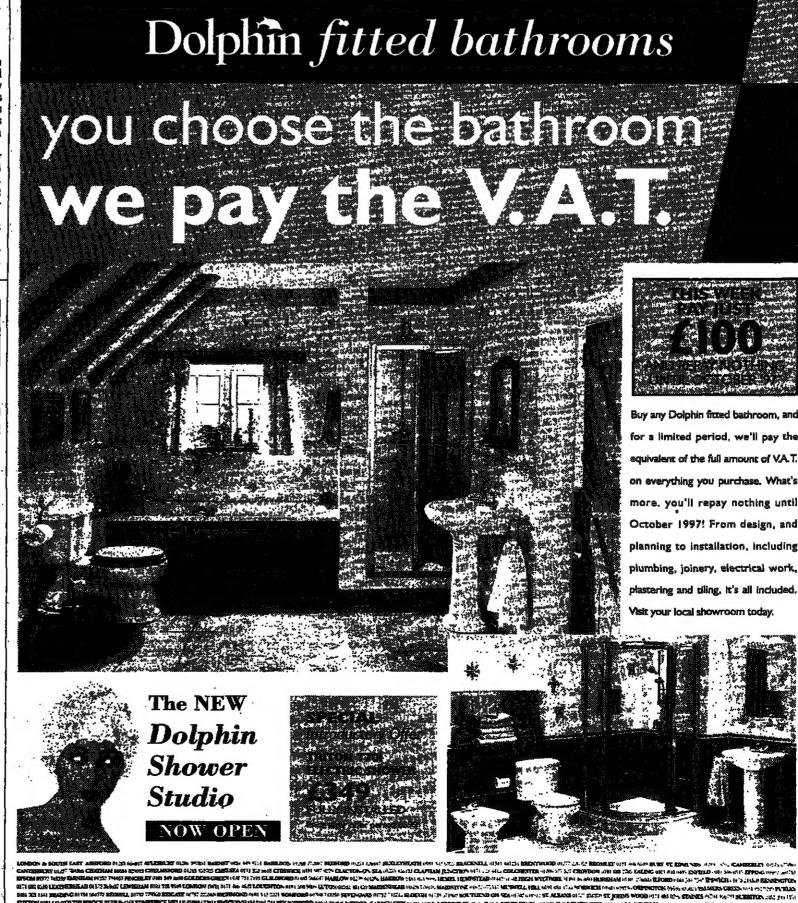
Mr McMillan, 41, is a

BBC radio and on local stations. He is a Barasley season-ticket holder and has written a history of the club's first 100 years. Much of his work is about life in the town in earlier times.

He said: "I am a Barnsley fan through and through and I am delighted to be involved. It's going to be an exciting seasou. Everybody in Barnsley feels good about it, and I want to capture some of that in people's writing."

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Authorities criticised

for Sea Empress spill

An independent analysis of the Sea Empress oil spill off Milford Haven in February last year calls for increased environmental protection from such disasters. It also says

industry, government agencies and local authorities

Remains of 'first European' found in Spanish cave

By NIGEL HAWKES. SCIENCE EDITOR, AND GILES TREMLETT

HUMAN remains said to be some time to accommodate the oldest in Europe have been found in a cave at Atapuerca in northern Spain. The species, which its finders believe existed 800.000 years ago, may have been an ancestor of both Neanderthal Man and modern human beings.

The find almost doubles the known length of time that human beings have existed in Europe. A team led by Dr Antonio Rosas, of the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Madrid, has named the species Homo antecessor.

Several segments of bone and teeth have been found, but the team's evidence is based primarily on a single facial bone from a boy, and other palaeuntologists may be reluctant to accept a new species on such slender data. "We think we have enough information to define it in the proper sense of a new species." Dr Rosas says in Science. "But people this proposal." If accepted, the find will

further complicate the prehistory of man. Until now Homo sapiens and Neanderthal Man were believed to be descended from a species called Homo heidelbergensis. which lived half a million years ago. Boxgrove Man. found in West Sussex in 1944. is an example of this species.

But the Spanish team believes their species has more in common with modern man than does heidelbergensis. and is older. They say that it evolved in Africa, prohably about a million years ago, and began to spread north into Europe, "What we have done is confirm that humans have been here in Europe for nearly one million years," said Jose Maria Bermudez de Castro. "Others have argued that man has only been in Europe for around half a million years. But we believe we have introduced new stability into the evolutionary scheme."

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The fossils were found in a cave at Gran Dolina in the Atapuerca hills. The caves were exposed by railway workers in the 19th century, but not explored until 1994. The fossils have been dated, by the magnetisation of the layer of limestone in which they were found, to 780,000 years ago.

The most striking find, said team co-leader Juan Luis Arsuaga, of the University Complutense in Madrid, was the face of the boy. It had modern features, such as sunken cheekbones with a horizontal ridge where the upper teeth attach, and a projecting nose and mid-face. We realised straight away it

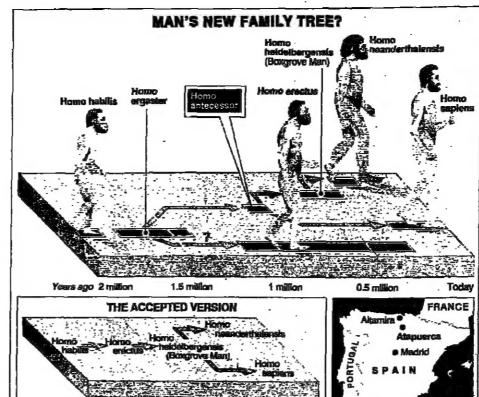
was modern-looking." At the same time, it had archaic leatures such as a prominent brow ridge. This unusual combination of the old and new encouraged them to believe that the bones came from a distinct species.

Palaeoanthropologists canvassed by Science, which publishes the description of the fossil today, were sceptical. "Given the evidence, I'm reluctant to endorse a new species." said Dr Philip Rightmire, of the State University of New York. Jean-Jacques Hublin, of the National Centre for Scientific Research in Paris, took a

similar view. ☐ Soft tissue from a dinosaur has been found well-preserved in rocks in another part of Spain, a team led by Professor Derek Briggs, of the University of Bristol report, in the Society. It is only the second

time that skin has been reported. The bird-like species, Pelecanimimus polydon, lived 130 million years ago. It was preserved in fine limestone deposits. The fossils show wrinkles on the dinosaur's hide, a crest on its head

and a pouch under its chin.



should be made more accountable when decisions affecting environmentally sensitive areas are taken. Dr Neil Caldwell, former director of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales, and Dr Clive Morgan, former director of the Oil Pollution Research Unit, are highly critical of the authorities' handling of the crisis and the damaging delay in refloating the vessel. They also criticise environmental pressure groups for exploiting the incident for their own publicity. ChildLine calls fall Calls to ChildLine's special line for children in care have fallen by about 80 per cent in the past three years. The line is for complaints of sexual abuse by foster parents, care workers or others in residential care. Of 1,614 children in local authority care who called in 1995-96, 35 said they had been sexually abused by carers, 20 out of 1,130 in residential homes and 15 out of 484 in foster care. Some called because they were physically assaulted or bullied while others said they felt unloved and unwanted.

Hunter in lions' den

A Royal Navy frigate that was designed to hunt Russian submarines visits Russia's buge submarine base at Murmansk today. The invitation to HMS Iron Duke to the headquarters of the Northern Fleet is the latest the headquarters of the Northern Fleet is the jaust barrier to be removed between the Russian military and the West. The Type 23 frigate, the Navy's most advanced anti-submarine ship, will be open to visits from Russian submariners for five days and will later take part in an exercise with units from the Northern Fleet.

Hull and high water

Scientists from Hull University have been awarded £26,000 by the Natural Environment Research Council to E26,000 by the Natural Environment Research Council to carry out DNA tests on South Atlantic squid from waters around the Falkland Islands, to discover whether overfishing has affected their genetic variability. This would reduce their ability to adapt to environmental changes. Squids are a food source for birds and whales, and licensed squid-fishing by foreign nations is a vital part of the Falklands economy.

Police check car tints

Tinted windows for cars are to be tested to check whether they are clear enough to allow safe driving. Special equipment has been developed by police concerned by the safety implications of tinted glass and a trend among criminals to use darkened glass to hide their identities. South Yorkshire Police, which helped to design the TintMan meter, will start checks from Monday. Drivers will be told to remove the tint immediately or face a £20

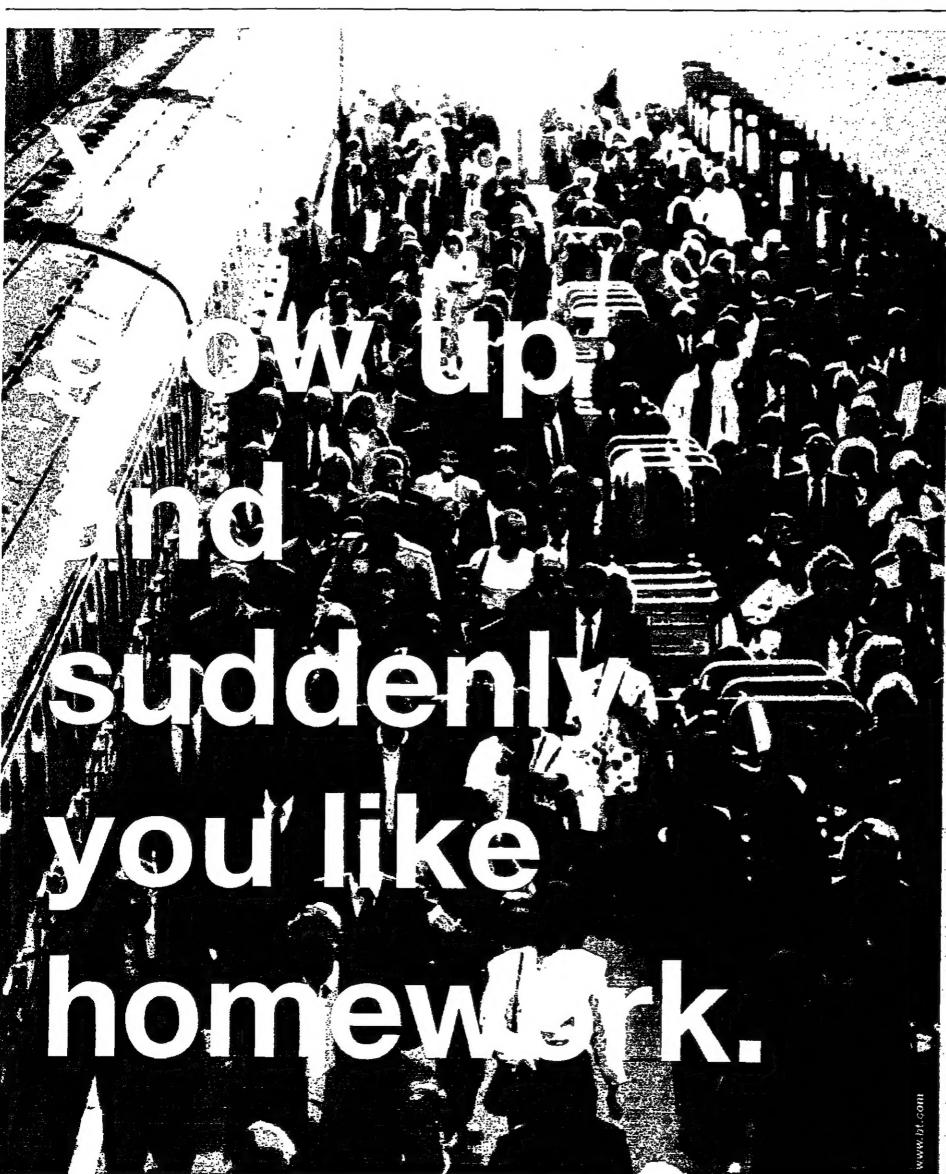
Aspirin best for strokes

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Aspirio is the best available treatment for strokes, a trial found. Researchers compared it with heparin, a fast-acting anti-coagulant which can cause nose bleeds and bruising. Dr Peter Sandercock, of the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, concludes in The Lancet that use of aspirin should be considered for patients suffering from a stroke caused by a blood clot. Long-term low dosage after an attack improved a patient's chances of avoiding another.

Fog delays Pole pick-up

The British team of women polar trekkers was stranded at the North Pole after dense fog prevented aircraft from reaching them. Two aircraft had been due to pick up the four women after they had completed the final leg of the 1,000-kilometre marathon early on Tuesday. They were said to be in good spirits and had enough supplies for four days. It was hoped that the weather would clear sufficiently for them to be picked up within hours.



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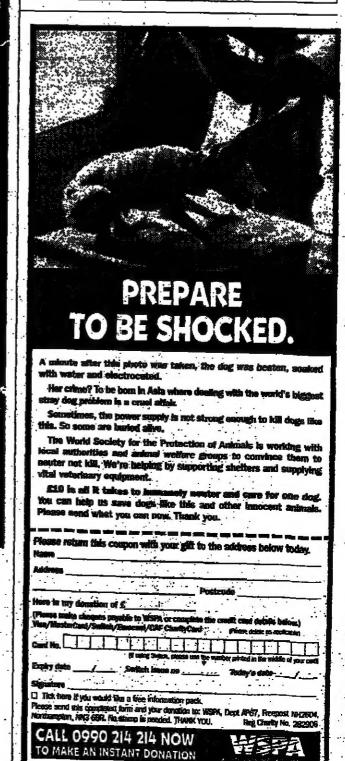
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Lottery chief delays showdown over pay rises

Chris Smith says that Camelot must clean up its act or risk losing its contract. Carol Midgley and Stephen Farrell report on government anger over directors' bonuses

SIR GEORGE RUSSELL chairman of the National Lottery operator Camelot, was forced yesterday to delay a showdown meeting with the Government over huge executive pay rises because he is overseas working for another company.

Sir George, who was caught off guard by the unexpected leaking of the figures to a the National Heritage Secretary. Chris Smith, on Monday after being summoned for urgent talks

He will fly back today from America, where he was said to be on business unrelated to Camelot. His other roles include the chairmanship of venture capital company 3i ship of Northern Rock. He retired as chairman of the building materials group Marley earlier this month.

At Monday's meeting Sir George will be asked to explain why directors received rises of up to 90 per cent when lottery ticket sales have slumped, and contributions to lottery good causes have dropped by £143 million. Camelot risks having its



licence terminated early after Mr Smith yesterday accused its directors of profiteering. He said he was "very angry" about the massive pay increases awarded to directors and was considering the feasibility of buying out Camelot's contract, which is due to expire in 2001.

Mr Smith expressed frustration that, under the terms of their contract, the directors were legally entitled to reap such rewards. But he added that to buy out Camelot early would be hugely expensive to the taxpayer and therefore unlikely. Legally the company would have to be compensated for the millions of pounds it had invested in machinery and promotions which would incur huge costs.

But such is the Government's anger at the "fat cat" rises that Mr Smith said he would "need to consider that as a possible option". He said his first weapon in persuading Camelot to lower its directors' pay rises would to tell them that they would lose public confidence in the lottery. "I will say to them, 'Look, this is the people's lottery, if the people don't have confidence in it, they're not going to play it and give you these profits." They don't seem to know this, because they aren't acting as if

His second weapon would be to warn Camelot that it might not be considered for the lottery contract when it was renewed. "I will say to them. If you want any hope hatsoever of competing in the future, then you have got to clean up your act now." Mr Smith said Camelot had

been within its rights to make the increases, although the Government would be bringing forward legislation later this year to turn the lottery into a non-profitmaking org-

Under fire: Tim Holley, left, with consultant Don Stamford and Camelot operations director David Clark, right

are operating under a contract," he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme. "They are legally entitled to do this. This is part of the mess we have inherited. It is precisely why we want to go for a not-forprofit lottery in the near luture, and are bringing forward legislation to do so."

The Prime Minister has also expressed his outrage over the increases. Total payments to ten Camelot executives increased from £1.67 million to £2.32 million. One. David Rigg. the communications director, saw his package almost double from £175,000 to £333,000. Mr Rigg was unavailable for comment yesterday as he was on a half-term holiday with his wife and children.

The Government is likely to be angered further by figures £46.8 million in the year end-

to £4.7 billion from £5.2 billion Tim Holley, who had a 53 per and the amount raised for cent rise, taking his total good causes drooped to

But, despite the disappointas a great success" and that the directors' remuneration ing figures. Camelot said it would apply for a third National Lottery television show "reflected results". He said: "The reason that to feature scratchcards as a way of boosting scratcheard remuneration packages grew was because of payment from sales, which have fallen recently. It also said it had been expecting the decline in sales. that has been put in place from before the start of the National Lottery. This is the which were in line with the experience of state-run lotterfirst time there has been a ies in other countries.

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£1.27 billion from £1.41 billion.

look at the salaries of directors, such as mine, they went salary package to £590,000, said that the lottery was up by 7 per cent." The BBC Radio I breakfast recognised "on the world stage show presenter Mark Rad-

cliffe has pulled out of the National Lottery Live tele-vision show, due for broadcast this Saturday, in protest at the pay rises. He and fellow host, Marc Riley, were due to have appeared on the show but said they were so angry that their appearance would have been hypocritical.

End Camelor's licence before it expires in September 2001

For: This would appear decisive and send a signal that the Government was determined to take a hard line with industry "fat cars". It would also be popular with critics of the original decision to award the licence to a commercial company instead of to a nonprofitmaking organisation.

Against: Compensation would have to be paid to Camelot, which has invested millions of pounds in machinery and promotion. The huge costs would have to be met by the Department of National Heritage. and ultimately the taxpayer.

Romie Fox, an employment law specialist and senior partner with Fox Williams, said: "Forcing Camelor out without their consent would raise serious constitutional issues over the principle that you cannot confiscate people's property and rights unless they are in breach of their licence, which they are not. I cannot see the Government going down this

Impose a windfall tax

For: A populist option which would appease critics who claim Camelot was granted a licence to print money. This option would raise more revenue for the Treasury and avoid the costs of revoking Camelot's

Against: It would appear arbitrary and provide ammunition to privatised utilities such as BT and British Gas. The difference between this and taxing the former nationalised industries is that, when they [the utilities] were sold off, Labour warned it would levy a windfall tax and shareholders knew this when they were making the decision to invest or not. This is an entirely different situation."

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Set up a rival non-profit lottery

For: This would eliminate Camelor's monopoly and allow punters to choose where to spend

Against: Charities would not necessarily benefit from confusion among the public and the dilution of publicity away from one high-profile draw. Labour has said it wants one lottery. A Department of National Heritage spokeswoman said yesterday that this was not under

Slim pickings for man who runs the Fat One

By MARK HENDERSON

kitten. While Tim Holley, the Camelot chief executive, scoops a £540,000 salary package, the man who runs the world's richest lottery, responsible for a £38 billion annual taking, earns a salary of

£30.000. In a good year, Señor Pérezaguas can boost his sala-ry with an undisclosed profitrelated bonus estimated at E6.000. Señor Pérezaguas is paid no differently from other civil servants of directorgeneral grade in the Spanish Finance Ministry. As a full-time civil servant he has none of the extra-curricular business commitments that prevented Sir George Russell, the Camelot chairman, attending crisis talks with the National

Heritage Secretary yesterday. The Spanish national lonery alone takes £23 billion a year. more than four times Camelot's annual take of £4.7 billion, and pays out daily million-pound jackpots. At

tery prize, known as El Gordo (The Fat One). Last year the El Gordo draw was worth more

than £154 million. Señor Pérezaguas's department's annual take exceeds £38 billion because he also runs two smaller lotteries and the national football pools.

Other European lottery chiefs carn peanuts compared with Mr Holley. In Ireland, Ray Bates, the Director of the National Lottery, earns just over £80,000 a year and his four deputies earn less than £50,000. All are civil servants in a state-run lottery and are paid according to a grading system. Three of Mr Holley's senior boardroom colleagues take-home pay packets worth

more than £300,000. Bertrand de Gallé, the French national lottery director, is also a civil servant and privacy laws mean the level of his salary is not released with lonery accounts. Civil servants

AMONG the lottery fat cats, Christmas Señor Pèrezaguas of an equivalent grade are Luis Pérezaguas is a scrawny is responsible for paying out paid approximately £110,000, kitten. While Tim Holley, the world's richest single lotprofit of nearly £40 million

> Only in the United States are Camelot's salaries matched or exceeded by lottery chiefs. Richard Haddrill. president of Video Lottery Technologies, a Montana company that runs nine American state lotteries including the second largest, in Florida, took home a salary package worth more than £000,000 last year, putting him slightly uhead of Mr Holley.

Wealthier still is Guy Snowden, owner of GTech, which has a 22 per cent stake in Camelot. He earns over E2 million a year in salary and benefits and has shares in the company valued at more than

GTech either runs or has a stake in 70 per cent of the world's lotteries, including the Texas state lonery, the largest in America, and tiny lotteries in Iceland and Estonia.





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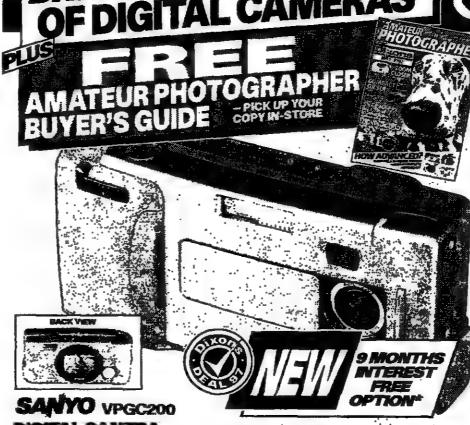
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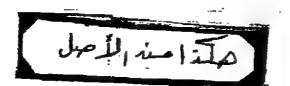
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Call for nurses' deaths puts Saudis in dilemma

By MICHAEL BINYON. DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE families of two British nurses being tried for the murder of a colleague in Saudi Arabia fly to the Middle East today. They will visit Deborah Parry and Lucy McLauchlan in the knowledge that the victim's brother has told Saudi officials they should be execut-

Frank Gilford, whose sister Yvonne was stabbed and suf-focated at the Dhahran hospital where the three women worked in December, said: Those who do the crime must do the time." He added: Yvonne was shown no mercy. It's difficult for us to show mercy to Yvonne's killers."

His refusal to consider clemency places the Saudis in a difficult situation: should they ignore the ruling of the court. if the women are found guilty. and insist on elemency: or should they authorise beheadings, in keeping with their own Islamic code, and risk uproar overseas?

Mr Gilford has three weeks in which to consider a plea for clemency on behalf of Ms Parry, 38, and Ms McLaughlan, 31. He has refused the offer of a paid flight to Saudi Arabia to meet the two women, saying there is new evidence which has yet to go before the court that convinced him of their guilt.

The Riyadh Government is acutely aware of the political hazards involved in the case. So far it has demonstrated a sure-footed response. By sticking to the Islamic principle of allowing the closest male relative to decide whether or not to grant clemency, it has thrown the ball into the Western court. If Mr Gifford sticks to his intransigent line, the Saudis could say that the West upholds the punishment decreed by Saudi law; if he agrees the sentence should be commuted. it could imprison the two women and then bundle them

out of the country as swiftly as possible to rid it of the

embarrassment. Saudi Arabia would clearly prefer that the court did not pass a death sentence. As far as Saudis are concerned, no Muslims are involved in the case, so sensitivities are correspondingly fewer. The Government could argue, therefore, that sentence should be appropriate for what is normal in the West.

Nevertheless, the case has already attracted so much adverse publicity that it has become a matter of face. If the Saudi Government makes a clear exception for foreigners. it could be strongly criticised by religious zealots for undermining Islamic law, and by other Asian countries such as Thailand and the Philippines. whose non-Muslim nationals have frequently been executed for such crimes as drugsmuggling and murder.

press allegations that the Islamic justice system is unfair are also bound to inflame sensitivities. The Saudis have taken unusual steps to allow defence lawyers access to court deliberations and to introduce a degree of legal transparency not common in normal cases.

However, suggestions that confessions were extracted from the nurses under duress have angered the authorities. Ghazi al-Ghosaibi, the Saudi Ambassador, dismissed all such press allegations and insisted that the only confesssion that would be recognised was one freely given to the court.

Although the two women have yet to be judged, negotiations are going on as though a guilty verdict had already been reached. The nurses themselves are said to be willing to raise "blood money" should this be necessary; their lawyers are giving the case



McLauchian, left, and Parry, whose families fly to Saudi Arabia today to visit the nurses in jail

Fisherman says lover had Aids before they met

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN LARNACA

THE Greek Cypriot fisherman accused by a British woman of infecting her with HIV claims that she may have had Aids before they slept together. He said there was no other explanation why Janette Pink, 45, had demanded unprotected sex when she knew he was HIV-positive.

Pavlos Georgiou made the allegation in a four-page statement that was read to a court in Cyprus yesterday. He dismissed claims by Mrs Pink, who has Aids, that he had kept his condition secret. but made no attempt to deny that he knew he was HIVpositive well before they had any sexual contact.

Mr Georgiou appeared more relaxed without Mrs Pink's presence in court. She returned to England after giving evidence last week.

Mr Georgiou, 40, said he did not know whether he had given her the virus, but added: The question arises that, if a woman knows her sexual partner is an Aids carrier and she wasn't, why did she insist on making love without precautions? The possibility that Mrs Pink had Aids before arriving in Cyprus was never raised by the defence during its two-day cross-examination.

Tassos Economou. for Mr Georgiou, argued earlier that the signed statement was inadmissible because police had told the fisherman they wanted it only to clear up the case. The senior detective who took the statement on January 14 said Mr Georgiou was read his rights and had been keen to talk. Inspector Andreas Naoum said it was a friendly atmosphere" and Mr Geor- life-threatening disease. The giou had asked him out to case continues on Wednesday.

dinner after the interview. Judge Antonis Liatos ordered that the statement be admitted as evidence.

Mrs Pink, from Basildon, Essex, had said her former lover consistently lied to her about his condition during their three-year affair. His English-born wife. Martha, died of an Aids-related illness in August 1994. Mrs Pink said Mr Georgiou told her she had died of leukaemia.

Mr Georgiou said they had a long friendship before their relationship became physical. He admitted to police that he had not told Mrs Pink at the time that he had tested HIVpositive in June 1992. He said she discovered the truth from his mother-in-law and eldest daughter when his wife died. several months after they had begun seeing each other. "Until that time we had no sexual

contact," he said. Mr Georgiou tested HIVpositive in June 1992 after his wife had told him she had the virus. He said he and Ms Pink continued to have sex without precautions and, at the beginning of 1996, she became pregnant. He said she had tested positive at a clinic

before she became pregnant. Doctors advised her to have a termination and she had an abortion in Nicosia. Dr Athenoula Neou told the court that Mrs Pink visited her in March 1994 requesting a test for Aids and venereal disease. Both were negative. Mrs Pink returned six months later and

the test was positive. Mr Georgiou is charged with knowlingly committing an act that could transmit a



Yvonne Gilford was stabbed and suffocated

great publicity to put pressure on the Islamic court.

A quick resolution is unlike-

ly: the case has been adjourned for three weeks, and if the women are eventually found guilty there is a lengthy appeal process to a higher court. The final say is likely to be political, as the Saudi

case probably the royal family, have the last word.

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A criminal law expert in Riyadh said the court would first study the confessions, "and, if that is not deemed sufficient, then evidence will be submitted". The nurses' lawyers emphasise that there has as yet been "no legal qualification of the charges". If the women face charges of first-degree murder the qisas. or capital punishment, would apply. But if the charges are second-degree murder, without intent to kill, the nurses would face a maximum sentence of five years as well as 'money for the family".

Diplomats are already suggesting that Mr Gilford may be holding out for a commit-ment to a lengthy sentence or for a substantial cash payment from the families of the accused. In the next three weeks he will come under intense diplomatic pressure to reconsider his rejection of the clem-

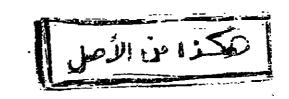


Frank Gilford and his wife, Laurel, at their home in South Australia. "It's difficult for us to show mercy



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Debacle puts euro fudge on menu Brussels insists on launch deadline

IN BRUSSELS

EUROPE'S monetary guard-Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank ians yesterday sought to calm single currency while politi-cians and experts agreed that the turmoil in France and Germany presaged a curo that could now only be launched through political compromise. in a matter of days, an

electoral revolt in France and a spectacular row in Germany have battered the prospects of a currency which had been cruising towards creation, carried by the will of the Franco-German establishment and the faith of the financial

Gone now is the confidence that Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, will manage to steer the scheme through the turbulence of popular resistance to ensure the birth of

president, Bonn's sudden desire to use its gold reserves for artful accounting, a decision that could only have come from the Chancellor, had undermined his image at home as the guarantor of fiscal rectitude. The clash has bestowed breathing room for the governments of southern Europe in their struggle to meet the letter of the Maastricht treaty. Clear alternatives have

emerged: either the euro will be broad and probably soft, encompassing the weaker economies of Italy and the Mediterranean states, or it will be delayed from its planned launch on January I, 1999. The notion of delay, though

invoked in whispers by ministers from Italy and The Netherlands who worried that the rush to fulfil the tough

Silguy, the European Union question of cooking the books or fudging the figures." The betting in Brussels and project, was standing by the

among many analysts around Europe holds that political and economic arguments will prevail against allowing slippage in the sacred deadline of the Maastricht treaty. Economic and monetary union (EMU) is still cherished in France and Germany, its progenitors, as the consummation of the political union designed at Maastricht. Any delay will amount to abandonment, they argue,

pointing to the two-decade lapse since the last monetary scheme in the early 1970s. The cial upheaval that could send the mark soaring, with potentially catastrophic consethe Commission, yesterday stated the case: "Respect for the EMU timetable is an absolute political imperative."

Whoever wins Sunday's second round of the French election, the new government will have a mandate to ease up on the austerity drive pursued by the Socialist administration of the late President Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac, his Gaullist successor. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader who could become Prime Minister, yesterday reaffirmed his "absolute commitment" to the euro, but also renewed his pledge to ensure that the strict monetary criteria be subordinated to political imperatives such as the need to fight

unemployment. The Gaullist alliance, hop-ing to retain power, has shifted far in the same direction, Philippe Séguin, the likely Gaullist Premier and former anti-Maastricht campaigner, said the Maastricht demand for a budget deficit of no more than 3 per cent of gross domestic product "is nothing

but masochism". Both M Jospin and M Seguin are insisting that monetary union must include the maximum number of coun-Spanish and Portuguese. The only countries likely to stay outside this euro zone would be Greece, whose economy is too weak, and Britain, Denmark and Sweden, which are

expected to opt out.
The fate of EMU hangs now more than ever on German politics. Herr Kohl has effectively gambled that he can face down the Bundesbank, as he did over German unification. and convince his parliament and public to accept a softer version of the entrance test.

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Maria Montell, the pop singer who is reported to be travelling in Vietnam with Prince Frederik

Prince of Denmark disappears to be or not to be alone

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

COURT sources here yesterday dismissed reports that Prince Frederik, the heir to the Danish throne, had vanished during a visit to Thailand or gone into hiding. While the Thai press specu-

lated that tragedy may have overtaken the Crown Prince, or that he had been caught up in a comedy of errors. Danish tabloids were following up theories of their own.
"Frederik and Marla in

Vietnam" declared the leading Danish tabloid BT yesterday on its front page. "Love" proclaimed its rival, Ekstra Bladet. But the Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen would confirm only that the 29-yearold Prince was in Vietnam for a few days after heading a Danish trade mission to Thailand. The palace declined to say whether the Prince was travelling alone or not.

The popular press here insists that the bachelor Prince, who is reputed to have an eye for the ladies and a passion for fast cars, is traveling with Maria Montell, 28, a pop singer with whom he has been romantically linked. In Thailand, the Bangkok

Post reported that the Prince was diving off Phuket, a popular beach resort 428



Prince Frederik: failed to return to Denmark

livered him to the Danish Embassy in Bangkok last Thursday after an audience with Thailand's King The Danish popular press and paparazzi tend to treat the Royal Family with respect. But the focus on Prince Frederik has intensified since his brother, Prince Joachim.

However, the Prince has not

been seen publicly in Thailand since security police de-

27, married the Alexandra Maniey, a Hong Kong British citizen, in 1995. Last Thursday was the final day of the official visit and the Bangkok Post reported that the Prince's entourage was seen boarding a plane at Bangkok without him. Journalists approached the Danish Embassy after the Prince failed to arrive in Copenha-

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Centre-Right pins fading hopes on political odd couple

IN THE fraught closing days of France's parliamentary given his implicit blessing to a new and unlikely alliance between Philippe Séguin, a Eurosceptic, and Alain Madelin, a free marketeer, that may represent the Centre-Right's last remaining hope of retaining its ruling majority.

The President telephoned both M Seguin, the Gaullist parliamentary Speaker, and M Madelin, a former Finance Minister, before the two men held a joint campaign rally in Chambery.

The calls were officially described as a "discussion of campaign ractics*, but M Chirac's carefully timed move has been widely interpreted as a hint that M Seguin is in line for the premiership if the Centre-Right scrapes together a renewed majority in the decisive second round of voting on Sunday.

After the resignation of Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister. M Séguin has emerged as the front-runner for his office. M Chirac cannot openly say who he favours to replace M Juppe, but he may be hoping that by giving the impression of support for the popular M Séguin at this late stage he can avert a left-wing victory, following the Centre-Right's dismal showing in the first

The President is surely calculating that M Seguin's anti-Maastricht credentials. combined with his recent conversion to European monetary union "with conditions" - a position remarkably similar to that of the Socialists - may just be enough to entice sufficient voters back to the Centre-

The combination of M Seguin and M Madelin is being described by their supporters as a "dream team", but with private opinion polls still



showing the Left clearly ahead the belief that they can turn the tide may itself be no more than a dream. "Chirac's last card," Libéra-

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tion newspaper declared on its front page yesterday. "Can Séguin still save the Right?" If he became Prime Minister, M Seguin would be expected to reward M Madelin with his former job at the

Finance Ministry or another

senior ministerial post.

On Wednesday night the two politicians insisted that they see eye-to-eye on funda-mental issues, but the Seguin-Madelin tandem is a peculiar vehicle and the wide disparity between their opinions may serve only to confuse and alienate voters further.

M Madelin is an outspoken free marketeer who has campaigned ardently for deregulation and was fired by M Juppe for suggesting that civil service perks should be cut. The socially minded M Seguin, by contrast, represents the Gauliist left wing as a vigorous proponent of job creation and help for the poor. Until recently he was a staunch opponent of the Maastricht treaty,

which M Madelin supports. M Seguin insisted that his ideas were "fully complementary" with those of M Madelin, but others have dismissed their linkage as a alliance

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the far-right National



Front, whose rhetoric is becoming increasingly bizarre as the campaign heads to a climax, came up with a characteristically earthy attack on the Seguin-Madelin ticket.

This is a croco-lion, an African animal with a lion's head at one end and crocodile's head at the other," M Le Pen said. "This is a very wild animal because it cannot go to the toilet."

Many figures within the Centre-Right were also openly sceptical of the new-found

affinity between M Séguin and M Madelin. "You can't harness a little bit of liberal skylark to a great chunk of socialist horse; that doesn't work," observed François Léotard, head of the UDF group of centre-right parties; and another possible candidate for the premiership.

Lionel Jospin, the leader of the Socialist Party and the man most likely to be France's next Prime Minister, was

"You can't make a synthesis.

out of an impossible coupling," he said. "The French people have not fogotten that M Madelin was removed from government within three months. They know that M

Séguin is his opposite."

M Juppe, who heartily dislikes both M Séguin and M Madelin, was one of the few to look positively on the duo, describing them as "a good ticket because they are united on the essentials".

While the Centre-Right was already displaying the frac-

tious signs of a coalition that may shortly be in opposition, with just three days to go before the voters' final verdict M Jospin was sounding in-creasingly like Tony Blair as he repeatedly issued warnings against complacency, insisted the Left was "ready to govern", and took every opportunity to invoke the British Prime

Before his own final campaign rally, M Jospin announced he was feeling "cool. as Tony Blair would say".

Turkish leader steps down to ward off generals

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY'S first Islamic government, under mounting pressure from military leaders, yesterday collapsed amid chaos and recriminations.

Necmettin Erbakan, the Prime Minister, agreed to step down from office in a move that will bring relief to Turkey's nervous Western allies and could ward off the growing threat of military intervention.

Mr Erhakan made his decision partly in an attempt to outmanoeuvre the military. which accuses him of steering the country towards, radical

Under a formula announced yesterday, the Gov-ernment will be handed over to Tansu Ciller, the former Prime Minister and coalition ally, who will lead the country to early elections.

Mr . Erbakan 'must now

persuade parliament to pass an early election law. This would clear the way in a month's time for him to hand over the premiership to his junior partner, Mrs Ciller, as required by their coalition

The chance of regaining the Prime Minister's office even briefly would give Mrs Ciller the chance to restore an authority over her True Path Party, badly damaged by a recent spate of high-level esignations.

The scheme to swap the The scheme to swap me prime ministership could sell founder. Once Mr Erbakan bowed out, President Demirel would have to select Miss. Ciller for the job. Mr Demirel may well miss on shiften to his prerogative of choosing Mesur Yilmaz, leader of the opposition, whose Mother land Party has more disputed

than the True Path.

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Chers party collapsing almogeths, which will become changed Mr Erbakany mind. not to soldier on as he come promised until 2000s but to go logo a poll as each at sect October. Mr Erbakan issalbo

try's chief prosecutor who has taken an action to shut down his Welfare Party altogether for transgressing the secular guidelines of the Turkish constitution and political parties law. A verdict in that trial is

expected by the new year. Mr Erbakan rallied his Welfare party at an Islanbul stadium yesterday in a cere-mony held to commemorate the historic taking of the city from the Byzantines 544 years

Earlier in the year Mr Erbakan had pledged to complete that conquest by comnissioning a new mosque in the middle of Istanbul's entertainment district. This and a series of similar pronouncements created a sense of panic among Turkey's secular establishment.

Last February, the Turkish military issued the Government with a series of demands, including the closure of religious secondary schools, ground for hard-line, Islamic attitudes. Only last Monday, senior commanders success-fully demanded that Mr Erbakan approve the cashier-ing of scores of officers suspected of anti-secular sym-



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BESIDES. Coup army takes over gem mines

Freetown: Sierra Leonean soldiers have seized foreignowned diamond mines in the eastern town of Koidu after Sunday's army coup, police and community leaders in the

town said yesterday. Heavily armed soldiers who drove from Freetown in commandeered vehicles opened fire to scare away owners of mines and other businesses. British, Canadian and Belgian mine operators are among hundreds of foreigners waiting in Freetown for evacuation

flights.
Meanwhile, 240 Lebanese
Meanwhile, 240 Lebanese ra Leone arrived in Beirut yesterday. One woman said every Lebanese family was forced to pay Sierra Leone's armed forces \$2,000. (Reuter)

Mugabe, 73, has another child

Harare: President Mugabe has become a father again at 73 (Jan Raath writes). His wife Grace. 31, gave birth to the couple's third child at a private clinic, an official said. The boy, their second, is to be christened today. Mr Mugabe was growing ever younger since his marriage last year, said President Mandela of South Africa on a visit here

Somali ceasefire

Cairo: Somalia's two most powerful faction leaders, Hus-sein Mohamed Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohamed, agreed to a ceasefire and called on other factions to join their peace efforts. (Reuter)

Kabila gives pledge of 1999 elections as he is sworn in

FROM REUTER IN KINSHASA

PRESIDENT KABILA took office as head of state of the Democratic Republic of Congo yesterday, sealing his vic-tory over Mobutu Sese Seko. the former Zairean dictator. His first deed as President was to promise elections in April 1999. Mr Kabila, whose forces

marched into the capital on May 17 after a seven-month war, took the oath of office in front of the head of the Supreme Court and tens of thousands of people in Kinshasa's sports stadium. In an address to the nation,

unctuated with criticism of Western governments which supported Mr Mobutu and have put pressure on Mr Kabila to embrace democracy, the new leader announced a timetable for democratic change in the former Zaire.



"We are not in a hurry. This crumbling and shattered state must be organised so that the Congolese people can hold elections, he said, setting April 1999 as the date for both presidential and parliamentary elections.

Be assured that the timetable will be respected," he said, adding that no foreign interference would change the timetable. As a first step, he would be set up to draft a new constitution that would be put to an elected constituent assembly and to the people in a referendum in December

The Presidents of Uganda Rwanda, Angola, Burundi and Zambia attended the ceremony, at which many in the crowd caught their first glimpse of the man who now controls their destiny. Mr Kabila, 57. has kept out of the public eye since arriving in the city on May 20.

Organisers told hundreds

of students calling for democracy and payment of grants that any disruption of the ceremony would provoke a "firm" response and that they would bear responsibility for

the consequences.

One official, speaking over the public address system, also blamed members of Mr Mobutu's defeated army for the disruption and said that some had been apprehended in the crowd.

As Mr Kabila arrived, there was a rumble of discontent in some sections of the crowd, who asked the whereabouts of Etienne Tshisekedi, the veteran opposition leader.

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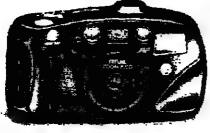
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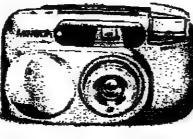
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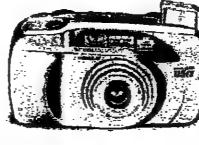
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Opposition takes fight into Taleban heartland

AFGHAN opposition forces seized two areas in a pre-dawn surprise attack against the Taleban militia north of Kabul, inflicting dozens of casu-alties. Taleban soldiers reported yesterday.

Forces loyal to Ahmed Shah Masood captured two places in heavy fighting in Kapisa province near the town of Jabul Siraj. 48 miles from Kabis

They seized Gulbahar township and Sherkat, the site of a textile mill - both in Kapisa only three miles east of Jabul Seraj, according to Taleban sources. The attack was launched before dawn prayers. Ziarat Gul, a Taleban

The Taleban troops, crouching in a bunker against incoming mortars, admitted losing dozens of their men in the surprise assault, "From a 100strong group, only five Taleban returned and the rest were taken prisoner, killed or wounded," they said,

General Masood's troops gained ground in Kapisa after mounting the attack from the

mouth of the Panjshir Valley and adjacent villages east of the Salang highway. Earlier, independent sources in Kabul said at least 50 wounded Taleban soldiers were evacuated to the Afghan capital from the front lines.

In Delhi, the Afghan Am-bassador to India claimed the Taleban was pushed out of a wide swath of northern provinces which it had captured five days ago with the help of defectors from the anti-Taleban alliance.

General Masood, known for his military exploits in the holy war during the 1979-89 occupation of Afghanistan by the former Soviet Union, is entrenched in his native

Yesterday's attack was the second by General Masood's troops in four days along the Salang highway linking Kabul with the Central Asian border. It came after the Taleban claimed to have reopened the highway, moving north, where the Islamic militia has had to retreat from the

key city of Mazar-i-Sharif after heavy fighting on Tuesday and Wednesday. Red Cross officials in Kabul said hundreds of people had been killed in Mazar-i-Sharif.

The Islamic warriors had to beat a retreat from Mazar-i-Sharif only four days after they poured into the city. capitalising on a revolt against the ousted Uzbek warlord, Abdul Rashid Dostum, by his key commander, Abdul Malik General Malik broke the alliance with the Taleban on Tuesday after the Islamic militiamen reportedly started disarming a Shia group and

Life was slowly returning to normal in the war-rayaged northern city a day after the rout of its Taleban Islamic militia captors by local Afghan forces. Shops reopened and people returned to the streets; apparently happy at the retreat of the Taleban fighters, Witnesses said bodies of Taleban fighters and burntout lorries and other vehicles

others, leading to fierce

Sharif, now firmly in control of ethnic Uzbek troops of General Malik.

The Pakistanis were very happy when their ambassador came to Mazar, it was a celebration for Pakistan; now they are crying because of what happened to the Taleban," a resident, Amir Shah, said. "All the people in the town were fighting the Taleban," he added.

A UN convoy with 53 foreigners evacuated from embattled Mazar-i-Sharif has been held up at Termez on the Uzbekistan side of the border, was stopped for unknown reasons by Uzbek guards at Termez after having travelled

37 miles safely, they said. In Ankara, the exiled Gener-Dostum said last night he wanted to make peace with General Malik. General Dostum said he wanted Ankara to mediate between him and General Malik.

General Dostum fled to Turkey after his overthrow.



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Killings in Timor cast pall over Suharto victory

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN JAKARTA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE worst outbreak of viclence for two years in the disputed territory of East Ti-mor on Wednesday night overshadowed voting in Indonesta's general election yesterday.

The first results last night made clear that the ruling Golkar party was heading for its sixth successive landslide majority. Figures, announced by Yogie Memet, the election committee chairman, showed that, with just 2 per cent of the vote counted, Golkar had taken 91.9 per cent, the Muslimoriented United Development Party (PPP) 6.24 per cent, and the divided Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) 1.85 per cent.

Golkar won 68 per cent of the vote in the 1992 election and had been aiming for 70 per cent this time. The PPP won 17 per cent in 1992 and the

in East Timor, police chief Colonel Yusuf Muharam said a soldier guarding a polling booth was shot dead yesterday, bringing to 14 the number of deaths in the territory

since Wednesday night.
It was then that separatist rebels launched a series of attacks on police stations and polling booths in Dili, the East Timor capital, and three other towns. Colonel Muharam said police had shot four rebels who attacked a police station in Dili and that guerrillas had shot nine civilians in other

But church sources in the town of Ermera said nine soldiers had been killed in a polling-booth attack in the town early yesterday.

Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975 and annexed it the following year. The United Nations still regards Portugal as the legal power.

demned Indonesia's handling of the election in East Timor. Jaime Gama, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, a harsh critic of Indonesia's occupation of the territory, said his Government had made a formal complaint to the UN.

The attacks came at the end of the most violent election in Suharto came to power in 1966. More than 250 people have died since April 26.

Voting proceeded uneventfully across the rest of the country as more than 130,000 troops and police were de-ployed. Armed soldiers pa-trolled Jakarta where offices and shops remained closed. A high turnout of the 124 million electorate was predicted.

Indonesians were voting for 425 of the 500 seats in the House of Representatives. The remaining 75 are reserved for



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Rich prizes for China's 'red princes'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG RONG

CHTNA is determined to keep political power in the hands of ts current leaders in 2000, bolstered by the sons and daughters of Communist Party stalwarts such as the late Deng Xiaoping.

As preparations are made for the fifteenth party con-gress, to assemble in Beijing some time this autumn, information leaking from the mainland places the current supreme five leaders at the apex of the next regime, topped by President Jiang Zemin, the party General Secretary and chairman of the Central Military Comm-

Among the so-called "red princes" — the offspring of party veterans — who will attend the congress and may ascend to the Central Committee are Deng's son.
Pufang and daughter. Nan.
Two "princes" heavily involved in finance and banking, Liu Yuan, the son of ex-President Liu Shaoqi, and

Chen Yuan, son of the late

Chen Yun, will attend the

Shot fired at leader in Cambodia

Phnom Penh: Hun Sen, the Cambodian Co-Prime Minister, survived an apparent assassination attempt when a shot was fired at his car. Mr Hun Sen was not hurt, but a motorcyle escort rider was slightly wounded. The gun-

man escaped.
Officials said that on Wednesday evening at least one shot was fired at Mr Hun Sen's car from a rifle equipped with a silencer. (Reuter)

High flyer held

Amsterdam: An air hostess employed by the Dutch airline KLM has been arrested with ten kilos of cocaine in her baggage on the return flight from Surinam in South America_(AFP)

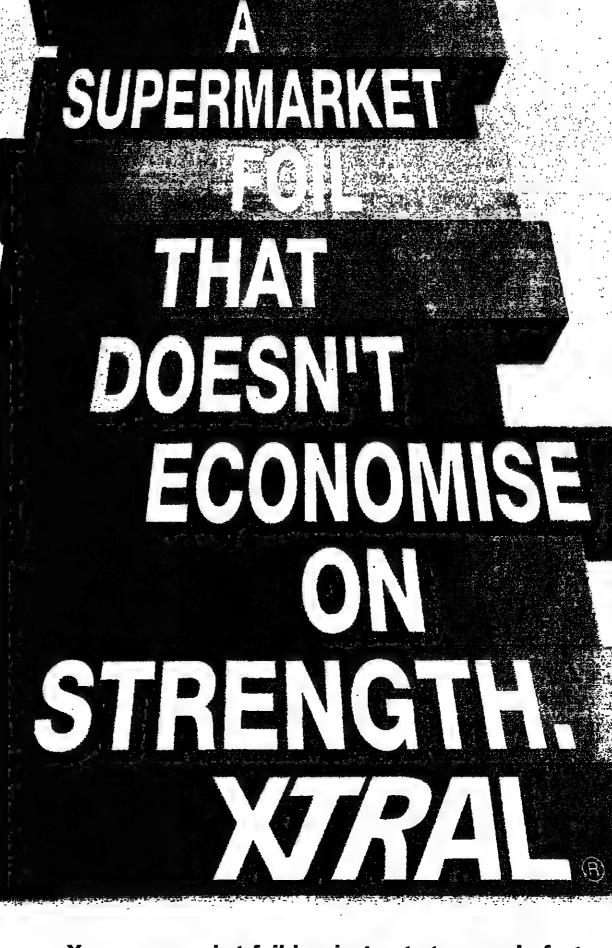
Jailbirds' song

Bangkok: Two Thais arrested on murder charges sang loudly to drown the sound of sawing as they cut their way to freedom through the bars of a jail at Khampeng Phet, 200 miles north of here. (AP)

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Applicants to Nato club surrender veto right

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN SINTRA, PORTUGAL

ELEVEN countries which have applied to join Nato have agreed voluntarily not to block any nation from becoming members of the alliance.

Although the agreement will not be enforceable by law, the effective surrender of the right of veto will remove a significant obstacle to Nato's open door policy under which its plans for enlargement will be completed in two, three or even four phases. Without the voluntary

agreement, reached during a programme of dialogue between Nato and countries wishing to join the alliance, it would have been possible for those in the first wave, expected to be Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary, and possibly Romania and Slovenia, to object to a second wave at a later date.

The list of applicants in-cludes the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bul-garia, Slovakia, Moldavia and the three Baltic states, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, Albania has also indicated an interest in joining, but has not yet started a dialogue. The voluntary deal was

revealed at a meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Sintra

which provided the first opportunity for the alliance to address the issue of who should be invited to join in the

Nato governments will make the final choice by the end of June and the selected countries will be told of their successful application a few days before the alliance summit in Madrid in July when a formal invitation will

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, making his first appearance at Nato's North Atlantic Council, said Britain had not yet made up its mind whether to support a first wave of three, four or five countries. Romania and Slovenia are battling hard to be included and appear to have won more supporters within the alliance. According to Portuguese

diplomatic sources, the line-up of Nato members arguing for five new members in the first wave now consists of France, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The sources said the United

States wanted only Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary; Britain, they said, was moving towards supporting Slovenia

to make it four, and Germany was also considering Slovenia. although the principal backers

Mr Cook said the entry of the three front-runners into the alliance, one of which -Poland, with 38.5 million inhabitants - has a large population, "was not a small enlargement". And he emphasised the importance of ensuring that Nato's strengths as a military organisation were not 'diluted'

He also underlined that any new members of the alliance had to contribute towards whole of Europe. This was one of the main objectives of the enlargement programme. However, John Burns, the

US State Department spokesman, said a "strategic judgement" had been made that enlargement could involve several phases without undermining the effectiveness and credibility of the alliance. There is no date set for the second wave, although some

Nato sources indicated that it could be 2001 or 2002. Underlining America's enthusiasm for an expanding Nato, Madeleine Albright, the

US Secretary of State, said

that the programme was not going to be like "the Hale-Bopp comet, coming round once every 3,000 years".

Although all the foreign ministers were full of praise for the deal signed with Russia in Paris on Tuesday, guaranteeing close co-operation and consultation between Nato and Moscow on mutual security interests, they made it clear that the alliance's expansion plans would go ahead without Russian involvement.

President Yeltsin had stated that the Baltic states should not be allowed to join Nato. But we don't agree with that," Mr Burns said.

In another move to develop a changed security environ-ment in Europe, Gennadi Udovenko, the Foreign Minis-ter of Ukraine, initialled a special charter with Nato which will guarantee consultation and a "distinctive" partnership, along the lines of the agreement signed with Russia, although not on such a comprehensive scale.

A new body has also been set up in Nato to upgrade contacts with the slx Mediterranean countries of Israel Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco.



Rabbi Shmaria Shore examines Melody, the ten-month-old heifer, to verify that it is really totally red-haired

Israel's 'secret map' cuts Palestinian land by half

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL plans to offer the Palestinians control of about 40 per cent of the occupied West Bank in a final peace deal, less than half of what they were expecting, according to a report in yesterday's

Haaretz, the Tel Aviv paper. The report by Ze'ev Schiff, its defence analyst, included what it claimed was a "secret map" drawn up by Binyamin Vetanyahu, the Prime Minister, for presentation to the Palestinians when the final status talks — at present in abeyance — are resumed.

The report followed Wednesday's first session of Isra-el's inner security Cabinet to discuss the blueprint for a final peace plan. A rival newspaper Yediot Aharonot had slightly different figures, claiming that Israel's defence establishment had proposed that "at least 40 per cent of the occupied territories" remained under Israeli sovreignty.

The Haaretz report, despite denial by Mr Netanyahu, infuriated the Palestinians and was described by one independent Israeli security expert as likely to provoke an immediate walkout by the Arabs if it was ever formally aid on the negotiating table.

Under the previous Labour administration, the Palestinians had been led to believe that in final status negotia-

tions, due to be completed in May 1999, they could expect to regain about 90 per cent of the West Bank. They are hoping to use the land to establish an independent state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Referring to the Haaretz report, backed by a detailed front page version of the alleged "secret map", Ahmed Tibi, Yassir Arafat's top adviser, told Israeli army radio: "These numbers, excuse the expression, are political masturbation by the Government of Israel." He argued that Israel should negotiate with the Palestinians on the final framework, rather than debate it among themselves.

Mr Tibi called the map "a shot with automatic fire at the dying body of the Oslo peace Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said of the Netanyahu plan: "This is nor acceptable. He is negotiating with himself, or rather with

himself and other extremists in his government. He has forgotten he has a partner." in fact, the Palestinians themselves have broken off all peace talks since Israel began building a settlement at Har lem on March 18. Egypt is now struggling to bring the sides together. Publication of the

figures sparked a furore

which could fuel further Mr Netanyahu acknowledged that he had some ideas

about the shape of a final deal and said they were discussed for the first time on Wednesday when the military presented its security assessments. There is no basis to that report because I did not show to anyone a map nor did I draw a map," the Prime

Minister told Israel radio. Asked whether he had a mao, he replied in a fashion which Palestinians saw as confirming their fears: "We have a map in our head. Who

According to Mr Schiff the Palestinians would not be offered a land link between the northern and southern parts of their territory in the West Bank. Israel would, in addition, retain a swath of land in the West Bank's Jordan Valley along the Jordanian border, and around Jerusalem.

"The secret map which Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu intends to present to the Palestinian Authority in final status negotiations would give them less than 40 per cent of the area," Mr Schiff wrote. He claimed that over time, if the security situation warranted, they could obtain some additional West Bank

Heifer 'is portent of Messiah'

By Christopher Walker

A THEOLOGICAL controversy has exupted in Israel over a ten-month-old farm animal named Medody, believed by some Jews to be the first and believe have to be the first red heifer born in the

Yesterday the beast was whiling away its time in the farming village of Kfar Hasi-dim in northern Israel, blissfully unaware of the furore that it has provoked in a country where it is seen by an extreme minority as an ex-traordinary portent for the new millennium.

Some Israelis claim it is the harbinger of the Messiah. while others demand that it be killed before it sparks new Middle Eastern violence on a scale greater than anything

seen in recent decades.

The red heifer is one of the most important signs that we are living in a special time," says Gershon Solomon, leader of an ultra-nationalist Israeli group dedicated to rebuilding the ancient Jewish Temple, destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

There are fears that some Jewish extremist groups will interpret the birth of the heifer, produced by artificial innination from a bull in Switzerland, as a sign the time is right to rebuild the Temple on a site now houses some of Islam's holiest shrines.

Judges sacked for opposing Fujimori

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

THE Peruvian Congress yesterday dismissed three Supreme Court judges who

had "dared" to vote against a constitutional amendment which would allow President Fujimori to run for a third term in the year 2000.

The three magistrates were escorted from the Constitutional Tribunal in Lima by armed police shortly after the Congress - made up of a majority of Fujimori

supporters - had voted to remove them

because they were stalling efforts to

extend the President's mandate. The

governing Cambio 90-Nueva Mayoria coalition mustered 52 votes, against the Opposition's 36, to sack the magistrates. Manuel Aguirre Roca, Guillermo Rey Terry and Delia Revoredo Marsano had declared that the law allowing a President two consecutive terms was "not applicable" to Señor Fujimori's wish to run a third time.

Known to Peruvians as the "little emperor", Señor Fujimori was elected for the first time in 1990 and re-elected in 1995. He claims that because the constitutional reform allowing re-election was approved in the middle of his second term, it should apply to him.

It is not the first time that he has reverted to strongarm tactics, but it is the most blatant in weeks and yesterday triggered mass street protests against his authoritarian style. We live in fear under a supposed democracy which acts like a dictatorship," said one of the demonstrators' banners in the Plaza de Armas in

In 1992 Señor Fujimori staged a selfstyled coup, closing down the Congress and the Supreme Court with the help of the military. He gave the security forces extraordinary powers to clamp down on traditional parties, and in effect dismantied most of them. . .

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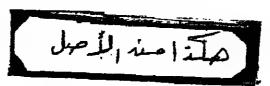
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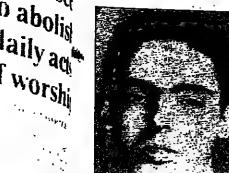
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IT could be described as the book everyone is wearing. Mason & Dixon, the almost incomprehensible new novel by Thomas Pynchon, has become the latest American fashion accessory.

The 773-page monster is poised near the pinnacle of the bestseller lists, as thousands of buyers flock to bookshops in search of the latest intellectual bauble. More than \$200,000 (£125,000) has been spent by Henry Holt and Co, the publish-

investment appears to have paid off. The first print run of 175,000 astonishingly large for a book as dense as a Mississippi swamp could be sold out by the middle of next month, a mere six weeks after its first appearance.

Wry observers, however, attribute Mason & Dixon's success to its unreadability. Melik Kaylan, a former editor at Spv magazine, describes the book as a 1990s version of The Name of the Rose". He said: "New York's literary nomenklatura want to be seen

carrying worthy books . . . Umberto Eco served people's needs admirably in the last decade, what with the generous infusions of Latin in his text. Pynchon, too, is great for posing with ... perfect for women who spend their whole day draped languidly over a chair at the Museum of Modern Art's café with a book perched on their knees,"

Another cynic remarked: "People enjoy holding up their fat new book and saying. 'Like my new

The book's publishers have not been blind to the cachet lurking in

abstruse prose. Although Cathy Melnicki, the publicist at Holt, describes Mason & Dixon as "a two-guys-go-into-the woods story". she was careful to emphasise that reading Pynchon makes people feel

smart". The book tells the story of the men behind the Mason-Dixon Line, which once divided the so-called "free states" from the slave states in America, and which now serves as a useful metaphor for the boundary between the Enlightened North and the Deep South. It is a thinking

man's "buddy's tale", charting the relationship between two Englishmen, Charles Mason, an astronomer, and Jeremiah Dixon. a surveyor. Other characters include Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Samuel Johnson, a Chinese feng shui master, a Swedish irredentist, a robot duck and a talking

Pynchon is puzzling to read, but not as puzzling as he is in real life. Sixty years old, and rated by many as among the finest living novelists in English, he is one of America's most reclusive writers. His alienatJ.D. Salinger, the author of The Catcher in the Rye, and he has fought publicity throughout his life.

On this occasion, however, he has offered his publishers more cooperation than ever before, giving his approval to book launch parties and other essentially non-Pynchonian frivolities. He did not even object to the holding of a "Thomas Pynchon lookalike con-test" to mark the publication of the

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McVeigh lawyers wind up lightning bomb trial defence

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

LAWYERS for Timothy McVeigh rested their case in the Oklahoma City bombing trial yesterday after presenting a defence that was star-

tling for its brevity.
They gambled that three and a half days of testimony were sufficient to answer the . prosecution's cascade of circumstantial evidence linking Mr McVeigh to the explosion that destroyed the federal building killing 168 people and wounding more than 500

Mr McVeigh, 29, did not take the witness stand in his defence. No alibi was offered. Nor did the defence come close to presenting "the rest of the story" that would establish absolute proof of Mr McVeigh's innocence, as promised by his chief lawyer, Stephen Jones, in a opening statement in Denver

Mr Jones insisted to reporters: "We've done everything." we came to Denver to do. We've done our best."

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Yesterday saw closing arguments followed by Judge Richard Matsch's summing-up. Jurors were expected to deliberate today and will be sequestered over the weekend, if

Mr McVeigh's legal aid defence has con \$10 million (£6.2 million). Large sums went on a global search of involvement by international sued suggestions that home-grown militia wanted to blow

up federal buildings. All the defence hopes crumbled when the no-nonsense judge ruled that alternate theories about a broader conspiracy were irrelevant to the trial.

Saving his biggest salvo until last. Mr Jones sought to discredit Michael and Lori Fortier, star prosecution wit-nesses who said Mr McVeigh, their best man, told them in detail about bombing the federal building and used soup tins on their kitchen floor to show how to stack explosives. The Fortiers, who admitted under oath that they had ited at first, were portrayed by Mr Jones as drug users trying to save their skins. He played FBI wiretaps in which Mr Fortier bragged of making \$1 million from the tabloids by

concocting a story about the case to mislead agents.
Other defence highlights: ☐ Mystery: bomber: One left leg in the rubble could not be identified. Thomas Marshall, a British pathologist with experience of IRA bombings. said the leg must mean there was a 169th victim, the suggestion being that it was the real

☐ FBI laboratory wees: The defence hammered away at reports of sloppy work that could have confaminated

☐ Identity doubts: Witnesses contradicted prosecution evithe driver and a victim of

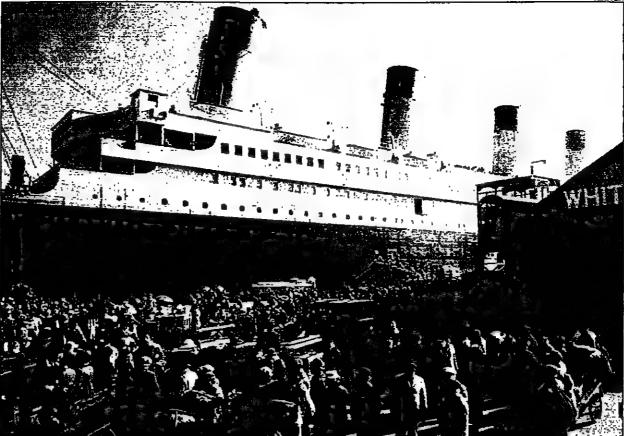
The defence was hurt, though, by calling a witness who declared, for the first time, that she saw a lightskinned man jump out of the van just before it blew up. She did not rule out the figure

being Mr McVeigh. The prosecution failed to place Mr McVeigh at the bomb scene or to detail when and how he built the bomb. but doggedly built a persuasive case over 19 days and 137 including the witnesses.

Among key allegations were that Mr McVeigh was a hater of government who planned the bombing to avenge the FBI raid that killed 80 cult members at Waco; he studied bomb making and his fingerprints were on a receipt for 2,000lb of ammonium nitrate fertiliser, the bomb's main ingredient; and the number on the mangled axie on the van was traced to a rental agency where the owner identified Mr McVeigh as the renter two

days before the blast. There was also forensic evidence: traces of high explosives were found on Mr McVeigh's clothing and carplugs when his car was stopped north of Oklahoma City 75 minutes after the

If jurors find Mr McVeigh er to impose the death penalty or a life sentence.



The Titanic in a scene from James Cameron's \$200 million epic film, which has run into budget problems

Titanic adrift in battle of blockbusters

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE colossally expensive "action romance" set on board the doomed liner, Titanic, has pulled out of the battle of the summer blockbusters beset by delays and competition from dinosaurs. Batman and Robin, and a hijacked Air Force

The three-hour epic starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio is already the estimated \$200 million (£122 million) and counting. It now

faces an extra bill of up to \$20 million for interest alone as it waits seven more months to

Ending months of speculation, Robert Friedman of Paramount Pictures admitted this week that the film was still not finished. He set December 19 for its release in North America; 20th Century Fox will release it in Europe

be refeased.

soon afterwards. The studios backed director James Cameron's magnum with Paramount's share of

Variety, which is running a Titanic watch column on rumours of the film's chronic overruns and budget problems, has put its total cost, including film stock and ad-

vertising, at \$285 million. Mr Friedman said both studios believe "the film can ply well in any season", but it an open secret that Mr Cameron's love of detail and special effects made his original July 2 deadline unfeasible.

If released any later in the bludgeoned out of the market place by the season's other

heavy hitters. The Lost World, featuring an animatronic Tyrannosaurus rex, swept past the \$100 million mark after five days and is expected to linger in cinemas for weeks.

Arnoid Schwarzenegger plays Mr Freeze in Warner Brothers' Batman and Robin next month, and Harrison Ford hopes to trounce them all in July, going toe to toe with terrorists in his own jumbo as the President in Air Lost World cost more than

\$100 million to make.

EUS SUMMARY

Republican star quits politics for TV career

New York: Susan Molinari, a Staten Island Republican and the highest-ranking woman on Capitol Hill, will leave Congress soon for a career on television (Tunku Vara-

darajan writes). Ms Molinari, so well regarded by her party that she was chosen to give the keynote address at the Republican National Convention last year, will join CBS News as a Saturday morning "anchor" in August. Analysts suggest that her "pro-choice" stance on abortion had affected her prospects for advancement within the Republican Party.

Six-year-old girl killed in casino

Las Vegas: A man whose six-year-old daughter was mur-dered in a casino lavatory while he gambled has been accused by the casino management of claiming funeral expenses and \$100 (about £62) of gaming chips in return for not suing (Giles Whittell writes). Lerov Iverson, 57, has hired Johnnie Cochran, formerly OJ. Simpson's defence lawyer, to clear his name.

OJ to appeal

Santa Monica: The lawyer for O.J. Simpson has filed a notice that the former football star intends to appeal against last February's wrongful death verdict in which the judge the million to families. (AP)

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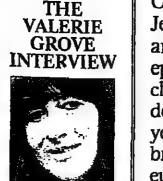


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Oona King is Jewish, black and the epitome of a new class of determined young women bringing a chic euphoria to the Commons

nstant recognisability is Oona King, the Member for Bethnal Green and Bow, shone out in all those pictures of the bevy of women surrounding Tony Blair, symbolising the Commons new look: chic, euphoric, but with nowhere to sit and answer the letters that come pouring in.

Every pressure group wants to claim 29-year-old Ms King. 'i'm young. I'm black, I'm Jewish, I'm a woman," she says. "So when people say, is it enjoyable? I feel an overriding guilt, because I'm

getting 300 letters a day, four times more than most 'My MPs, and I don't mother is even have a telephone yet, let alone an office." a heroine, She wanted to

take me to the sacrificed room (closed for recess) so we tried so much' the tea-room at 7 Millbank ("it's like

Harvey Nick's"), which was also closed. By the time we had clacked several miles on our high heels to find an open cafe we had solved all the nation's problems and I had formed a clear impression of Ms King's vigour, intelligence, and determination.

Her family credentials paved her way in life. Her Jewish mother, Hazel, is the sister of Dr Miriam Stoppard. Her black father is Professor Preston King, who teaches politics at Lancaster.

After her parents split up, Cona and her younger brother Slater "we were known as Sooner or Later") were brought up in Hampstead by her mother, but she spent a term or two at American schools with her vast family of

it was ironic for me as a child, because my father's black family were wealthy by my standards, whereas my mother's white family in Newcastle were incredibly poor. My grandfather was the son of a slave, who prospered and became the first black man in Albany, Georgia, to get a car: when the car arrived they said it couldn't be for a black man and sent it back to

On the other side, the Sterns were Jewish refugees from Hungary: her grandfather one of 15 children, her Irish-Scot-

tish grandmother one of 13. Granda dinner lady and in factories ("one of her jobs was testing cigarettes — not the sort of job you made education the first priority for the two daughters, who got scholar-ships to a fee-pay-

ing academic school: Miriam went on to train at the Royal Free, Hazel to LSE, where she met the handsome Preston

King.
"My mother is my heroine
"My mother is my heroine
She excrificed so in every way. She sacrificed so much for myself and my brother, and for the children she taught. She ran a unit for children kicked out of secondary schools; I remember her having to visit them in prison cells. Usually, not always. these children were deprived of love, attention or opportunitv. I wanted to go into politics to try to catch hold of that elusive gift of opportunity which is so often an accident of birth, to try to level out the playing field.

Miriam Stoppard



Oona King MP . . . still waiting for office space and a telephone at Westminster, but determined to "catch hold of that elusive gift of opportunity which is swellest on birth"

elected niece. The Mirror's new Agony Aunt was the best of aunts, though they differed politically. "She would say: What are you going to do about the loony left? I'd say: Sooner the loony left than the loony right.' I don't have any time for inefficient councils. but the loony left were just a peg for people to hang their prejudices on."

At Westminster, Oona King is on her learning curve, wasting no time. Having drawn fifteenth in the ballot for an Early Day Motion.

was already passing her petition along the benches, getting 130 signatures.

Next: her maiden speech, this coming Monday. She has been told to place her petition "behind the Speaker's chair". Do they mean that green bag hanging behind the chair? Is "behind the Speaker's chair" one of those old parliamentary conventions? We go instead in search of the Speaker's in-tray, to leave a letter. "Shall I say Dear Betty or Dear Miss Boothroyd?"

At the age of five, Oona

Prime Minister. By 14, "acutely aware of injustice, and global inequality", she joined the Labour Party. Since, she says, for most of her life the country was run by two women (Margaret Thatcher and the Queen), she never felt

Parliament was a closed male Her inner-city comprehen-sive, Haverstock, was considered rough: she had fights, and once saw a girl having her head thrust down the loo. "But I would want my kids to go to a school like that because it's real life. They have to work harder to get results than at a private school, but you also get i life awareness that you

> fantastic school." Before going to York University to read politics, she went out to Nicaragua, by the simple expedient of looking up "Nicaragua" in the phone book and travelling out with fellow sympathisers as a field labourer. "I was 19 and it was the most eye-opening experi-ence. "At one point I had dysentery and was lying on a trolley, with blood spattered over the 15tt-high ceiling next to people dying and a boy having his arm amputated

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after a Contra attack. "I was appalled by the suffering, amazed by the resil-ience of the Nicaraguans, and impressed by the way Daniel Ortega and his entire Cabinet went round every village answering questions. So distant

fter graduating she went to the European Parliament to be Glenys Kinnock's issistant, and was seconded to John Smith's leadership campaign. During her five years in Brussels she met Tiberio Santomarco, from Naples, who worked for an Italian MEP. Not only is he Andy Garcia gorgeous," she says, "but he speaks five languages, including Japanese, has a black belt in karate, does all the cleaning and shopping and cooks the most fantastic Italian food, and he's the most generous, kind human being in the world."

She married him (a Catholic wedding: all her black cousins came) on an Italian mountainside three years ago: "My own. personal European Union." Her most recent job was as

regional organiser of the Gen-eral Municipal and Boiler-



Pop on Friday: David Sinclair on the new albums, plus gig reviews, interviews and Caitlin Moran Arts, pages 33-36

makers' Union, which proved such 'I'd say a contrast with life. in the EU, she halfdecided to drop the MP idea. "But as soon as you decide you don't want than the something. - it. comes to you on a.

Not on a plate, exactly: there was a process - after var-

stand in Diane Abbott's Hackney ("Diane has been fantastic since I got here, literally threw her arms around me") — and when eventually selected on a third ballot she stood against. Asian Tory and Lib Demopoponents: "Although I'm very multi-ethnic, I have no. Bengali in me.".

Since her victory, she has flung her energy and opti-mism into a tough constituercy, sandwiched between two of the richest square miles in Europe, the City and Docklands, encroached upon by luxury developments, but with

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She plans to meet City companies whose glass towers look out on the mean streets of Stepney. In America, big corporations give huge amounts of money to the local community, here they haven? see my role as highlighting possibilities and bringing more resources into the area. from Europe if necessary. Social justice can be companble with economic growth.

She has resolved not to talk to fasheon-obsessed hacks about her clothes again, "But since you ask, this suit is from Top Shop, where I once worked I'm a Top Shop girl through and through." Her-68.99 from Accessorize. "But during the campaign one of my assistants received a com-plaint. I mink it's disgusting

Oons in Parliament will inspire those who previously felt excluded. She declares that given the choice of anywhere in the land, she would choose to represent east London. "The responsibility we have is to win the multi-caltural argument. My constituency is breeding ground for the Brit-ish National Party. We have to show that a successful multicultural model can thrive, because the world is becoming more, not less, global." She beams with optimism, high-check-boned, wide-eyed: The future lies here."





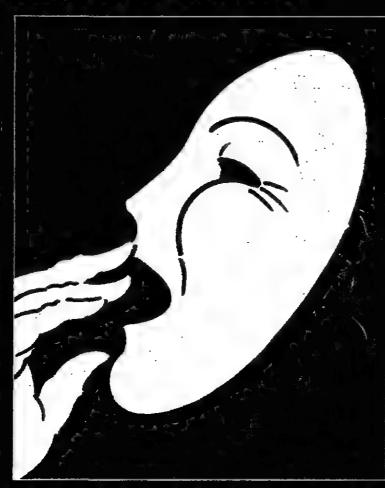
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A A Gill applauds a TV drama directed by someone called Tristram and set in Wales



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Port give Pleasures of horsing around

Are supporters of the hunt more interested in sexual conquest than chasing the fox? Joe Joseph reports

devont Labour supporters were was because it combines riding through giorious countryside with the chance to break your neck, but now Max Hastings has opened our

Moving: foxhunting debate away from the moor and on to ealth matterss, Hastings the mattress, Hastings mediate Some of the silliest men in England, silliest men in England. to the rage of less well-

One to been able to play like lutes upon the affections of some of the prettiest Of Dylands that they can get over a few fences without breaking their half-witted necks."

In-a fascinating article in the latest issue of The
Field, the Editor of
London's Evening Standard and legendary field sports enthusiast suggests that even the prettiest women go weak at the knees for a man who has mastered the art of riding to hounds, however ugly or brainless he might be. Hastings who voted Tory on account of Labour's antifoxhunning proposals, even though his newspaper

backed Tony Blair - paints a colourful world of "goers" and mounted bonkers". His own jaw apparently still drops at the sexual shenanigans of the hunt. Hastings relates a story of a married woman who turned up one night at the house of her

e all thought the horseback hero: when the man opened the door, she let her fur coat drop to the ground, revealing a more or less naked body. She stayed.

Hastings says "nothing like it? disturbs the tranquil world of shooters and fishers, which leads him to the conclusion

The silliest of men

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other horsebox.

propositions a huntswoman doesn't immediately want to climb into a horsebox with him has found one of the hunting world's rare prudes. But if Hastings is correct, the more likely explanation is that he has merely chanced on a lesbian.

Cooper thinks Has-

ings has caught the

foxes on horseback in the

BBC's Pride and Prejudice,

might be surprised that after

galloping around the country-

side for ten hours, foxhunters

still have the energy and

inclination for philandering.
You get the impression that

any balf-adept male foxhunter

mood about right and says that "in the horse world, one is more likely to find dazzling horsemanship and courage seductive than good looks. One wouldn't fancy a lousy rider." Ever practical, she adds that alibis are blurred in hunting" as hunters are out from nine in the morning to six or seven in the evening: "There's a lot of free time, and a lot of woodland to disappear into." And yes, horse-boxes often do double duty as "a mobile do-ityourself motel". It's not

very different in Ireland · Patrick Hughes, master of the nique position in the world of Meath hunt, concedes that field sports in being so ob-"there is a lot of truth in what essed with unzipping their Max says. As a master of a flies at every bend and in every hunt. I know how attracted women are to anyone who Even those who have read rides well. There is always a glint in their eye, or a flutter of the eyelashes, when they ad-Jilly Cooper novels, or mar-velled at Colin Firth's thighs as Darcy when he was chasing dress the master. You never



Huntsmen are said to be more interested in girls than foxes. "There's a lot of free time and a lot of woodland to disappear into," says Jilly Cooper

have any difficulty dancing all night at the hunt balls.

The trouble is that so many women who hunt are not exactly well, how should I put it, petite, pretty, model-types. They are not the kind of girl you see on the catwalk. Rather, they are tough, hard. robust campaigners. They are used to a scrap. Remember, hunting is a demanding sport. So if you see a pretty girl on a hunt and they flutter their eyelashes, you naturally take

> ome people argue that ristic throwback to man's roots, when men really were hunning for food: when they ride to hounds, something in their brain short-circuits and they find themselves involuntarily responding to other basic reflexes, notably propagating

the human race as fast as they can. But not everyone is convinced that hunting means hanky-panky. The philosopher Roger Scruton, author of Sexual Desire, thinks the whole thing is "total nonsense, It may be true of others' experience, but not of mine. Maybe I'm naive, but hunting people seem to be quite respectable.

"Like any sport, there is a heightened physical awareness which may breed interest in the opposite sex. I met my wife on the hunting field. If anything, the very nature of the meeting made our relationship more formal. Hunters haven't got time for anything except keeping an eye on the field and in the saddle. I suppose some people may use a horsehox as a mobile whorehouse: if you don't mind what you get covered in, there may be a

stages of skin cancer. Her

dobermann border collie cross

spent several minutes a day

snifting at the "mole". As the

weeks passed, the artimal be-

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Fascinated, Dr

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The dog may have saved her

"obsessed" with the

perverse pleasure in it." Oxford don Robin Lane Fox takes issue with Hastings: "In 40 years of hunting. I have seen less evidence of adultery than we have seen on both sides of the House of Commons."

Certainly the opportunities for unfussy and untraceable adultery would appear to be greater in the loxhunting

Frantic sex in a horsebox doesn't raise eyebrows because horses themselves make pretty strange noises (it also explains why "horse blankets", which should be about 20ft square to do the job properly, always seem to be about the same size as a human bed blanket).

Horsey smells are also guaranteed to mask the tell-tale Chanel whiff of adultery: if your wife can still detect another woman's scent on you after you have had sex in a

horsebox, then you are probably married to a bloodhound. Horse-world sex carries another bonus: it is a fetishist's paradise. If black leather poots, whips and bridles are your thing, then easy access to the paraphernalia of foxhunting allows you to indulge your fantasy without the bother of visiting your local branch of Ann Summers — that is, if your village even has an Ann

lso, however justful foxhunters might be. contemplating horsebox passion. Once again, foxhunting sex comes up trumps: a person whose blood doesn't curdle when they see a fox torn to shreds by a pack of hounds isn't going to get squeamish at the sight of a bit of cellulite on a woman's thigh, or at the

to get home or to a safe place.

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such as a road junction, he will

trapped in the house. I hardly

ever went out - it was simply

too dangerous or humiliating.

"Before I had Rupert, I felt

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uncorsetted paunch turns out to be the size of Leicestershire. Michael Clayton, former Editor of Horse and Hounds and chairman of the Cottesmore hunt to Leicestershire, is another who has doubts about Hastings' revelations, "Riding of all kinds does arract this sort of myth-making, but I would say that these things are equally available in the average small office.

I'm sure that Max meant it to be amusing, but I don't think the sexual mores of people who hunt are actually more startling than anywhere else. All the people I know have partners or successful marriages. They lead blameless lives. All this stuff about horseboxes is ludicrous: it would be jolly uncomfort-

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Tony Brown Griffin and Rupert: "When I am about to have an attack he barks urgently"

George's nose for diagnosis

research in Britain. Despite

his natural scepticism, he is

willing to believe that George

"A large amount of black

pigment is produced as a

melanoma delevops and that creates a smell. We cannot

detect the odour, but a dog

perhaps can and will find it

unpleasant. Their nasal senso-

ry surface is the size of a

handkerchief while ours is the

size of a postage stamp.

can "sniff out" skin cancer.

n return for a dry biscuit. George the sniffer dog will perform an astonishing diagnostic feat no medical pecialist can ever match. The six-year-old schnauzer, until recently employed by police in Tallahassee, Florida, to detect drugs or explosives, has been trained to smell out another late-20th-century menace: skin cancer. The dog can apparently identify the signature scent" of the disease in its earliest stages.

In laboratory tests George's accuracy rate was very close to 100 per cent. Spurred on by the prospect of regular rewards or his medical detective work, he graduated from identifying melanoma samples in test tubes to "examining" cancer patients themselves. After circling the subject's bed. George would unerringly locate the melanoma and place his paw gently on the affected area.

Armand Cognetta, the Florida dermatologist conducting the tests, had long been con-cerned at the rise in skin cancer cases and his profession's failure to develop a reliable early test which could differentiate between a harmless mole and a tumour. He scoured every medical journal and paper he could find until an issue of The Lancet published in April 1989 was to provide him with inspiration. Two British doctors, Hywel Williams and Andrew Pembroke, told how a dog had

In fact, she was in the early

up with George normal mole. "prompted" his owner to seek medical advice which almost certainly saved her life. The woman had developed what she thought was a mole on her left leg which at first fascinated, then infuriated the animal.

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> owner's life'

handler. The results were astonishing; in one test, the schnauzer sniffed out a melanoma on a subject's body which had only days earlier been described by doctors as a

George, James Gara-folo had been told he was cancer-free. The dog's nose gave a different diagno-sis. He began sniffing one spot on my body obsessively so I decided to have the mole removed," said Garafolo. When it was tested, they found a potentially deadly set of cancer cells."

Dr Cognetta -- interviewed for the new Channel 4 series Absolutely Animals — is amazed at what the dog has achieved. However, he warns: "We shouldn't jump to conclu-sions until further scientific testing is done. I don't want people to have false hopes or expect they can train their dogs at home to do this." Patrick Riley, Professor of

Cell Pathology at University College London, wants further

investigating. Anything which helps in the early diagnosis of skin cancer is to be welcomed greatly. This is a disease that must be nipped in the bud. Undetected, skin

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tify more disease signature scents. "Typhoid, diabetes and other illnesses have characteristic scents. Humans can detect the odours in later stages but dogs might be able to identify them A dog diagnostician is also

very quickly."

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playing a central role in the life of Tony Brown-Griffin, who has suffered from epilepsy for the past three years. Her collie, Rupert, senses the onset of a fit and alerts her almost an hour in advance. Once again, scent or another physiological sign is thought to be a key element in the equation. The dog detects an unusal odour present only when its owner is about to suffer a seizure. Rupert has "alert signals"

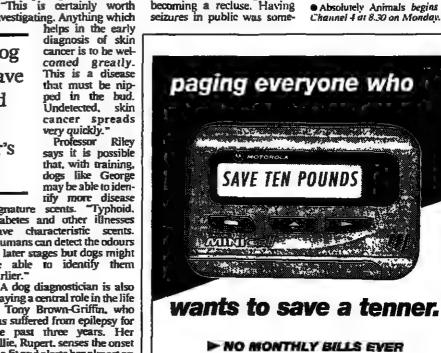
for his mistress. If she is going to have an attack, he wil swing around in front of her and bark loudly until she responds. During a fit, he will start to bank again to alert others. If the seizure lasts for longer than a couple of minutes and no help has arrived, the dog has been trained to operate a panic button on

times dangerous as I could hurt myself — Rupert has Bill Frost reports on dogs that can sniff out transformed my life." the onset of potentially fatal human diseases The collie's diagnostic gift Kent, said: "When I am about

was polished by Val Strong of the charity Support Dogs. Like George, he was rewarded with to have an attack he barks a biscuit or affection and urgently. That is enough time Ms Strong says a close rela-And if I am about to walk into

tionship between owner and pet is essential. "Undoubtedly the change in smell plays a part in helping the animal detect the onset of a fit. But communication is just as important. There are all sorts of subtle changes a dog picks up if he or she is tuned in to the sufferer."

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Mandelson and the new mandarins

Sue Cameron investigates the

Secret Seven who run Whitehall

s you open The Times A this morning, some of the most influential men in Britain will be meeting in Downing Street to set the agenda for tomorrow's newspapers. Let us call them the

Secret Seven.
Only one of those present the number varies from day to day - has been democratically elected. Most of the others, however able, are party placemen. They wield power not because they have been chosen by the voters, nor because they have earned their posts by beating rivals in competitive Civil Service examinations. They are there because they have won favour at the court of Tony Blair. Their ultimate loyalty is not to the public interest, but to Labour.

There has been no public debate about handing power to the men who attend the daily 9am meetings in the warren of rooms that connects Downing Street with the Cabinet Office. Parliament was not consulted. Now Sir Michael Bett, the Civil Service Commissioner, has delivered an open warning to the Government not to fill too many Whitehall posts

with party apparatchiks. The men who roused Sir Michael's concern are Jona-

Blair's chief of staff. There was and Alis-tair Campbell, the no debate No 10 press secre-tary. Both attend about the 9am agenda-setgiving ting meetings each morning which are power to chaired by Peter these party Mandelson, the without people Reports Portfolio.

from Labour's media-monitoring service are delivered to Mr Campbell and Mr Mandelson at 6am. By 8.45, copies have been sent to all special advisers in Whitehall. At 9, the meeting convenes. The "Big Four" — the Prime Minister, his Deputy, the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor — are often represented by their special advisers.

These are new Labour's gatekeepers, the men who have the ear of their masters. who control access to them and who are starting to eclipse politically neutral civil servants like Alex Alian, the Principal Private Secretary at No 10. Mr Allan, who served John Major and continues to serve Mr Blair for the moment, is to be posted abroad. When he goes he will be replaced by Jonathan Powell, who is, of course, the brother of Sir Charles Powell, Margaret Thatcher's Principal Private Secretary for foreign affairs. There is one crucial difference. Like Mr Allan, Charles was a career civil servant. Jonathan is a Labour Party man.

His appointment and the way Labour's spin-doctors have engineered a place for themselves at the heart of government signify a pro-found change in Whitehall. Whether the Civil Service was politicised under the Tories is a moot point; it is certainly being politicised now.

Not that Labour failed to give warning of its intentions. In his book The Blair Revolution, Mr Mandelson wrote last year that Tony Blair "has to get personal control of the central government machine". for a "stronger political pres-ence in No 10" to provide "political advice", which "nei-

ther the private office nor the Cabinet Office can do, because they are not supposed to get involved in politics... The political office at No 10, the policy unit and the press office all have political roles to play." he wrote, adding that the Prime Minister would need a non-ministerial political man-

ager inside No 10". This blueprint for a Blair administration has been followed meticulously. Within 48 hours of coming to power, the Government quietly secured a Privy Council Order giving Messrs. Powell and Campbell plus one other unnamed person - the right to wield executive authority over regular civil servants. The order

was reported at the time, but it was only this week, when Sir Michael blew the whistle, that the Government began claiming that the move was designed to reinforce civil service

impartiality. Nobody in the Civil Service or the media can be in any doubt about where influence lies in this centralised, politically conscious Whitehall even if things occasionally go awry. Though the Mandelson meeting decided on May 19 that John Prescott's summit on water was to be the big story of

the day, the broadcasters opted to give more prominence to the decision to end the tobacco industry's sponsorship of sporting events. To avoid such blips, additional Labour Party people are being brought into machine, for exam-

ple into the No 10 press office. Labour's Dave Hill, who sometimes attends the 9am meetings, is also supervising a horde of special advisers who are charged with monitoring Whitehall departments on the party's behalf.

Labour might argue that such moves are less radical then they appear. As John Major's deputy, Michael Heseltine held joint meetings of civil servants and Tory officials every morning to discuss presentation. Labour attacked him for involving Whitehall in party politics. Now Labour is following his example, but the Mandelson group is more tightly focused and effective.

Whitehall's reaction to this politicisation has been muted. Mr Blair is a shrewd operator. One of his first moves was to address the regular Wednesday morning meeting of the permanent secretaries - to such good effect that some returned to their departments in a state of infatuation.

Other countries, including France and America, have politicised civil services in which key members change when the government changes. Such a system brings new blood into the government. It ensures that politicians are served by people who share their goals. But it can also mean that party politics takes precedence over public interest.

Labour's moves may not lead to a return to the favouritism and backstairs intrigue that beset the State before jobbery was abolished in the 19th century, but they will mean a weakening of constitutional checks and balances. If there is to be change it must be with public consent not by a stealthy transfer of power to the Secret Seven.

to be asked. But when the architect

Sir Philip Powell arrived, staff

asked where his wife was, because

they had a Lady Powell on the

invited," said Sir Philip before

scurrying off to phone his wife, at

Lawks. I thought she wasn't

John Lloyd on the Government's attempt to square the Northern Irish circle as the marching season looms

There is a new mural in Belfast's Ormeau Road. Beneath the Irish Tricolor is a simple statement: "Sinn Fein. Stop Orange Marches!" This is the essence of the issue which in six weeks will confront the Government, as the Unionist marching season reaches its height. It now seems that a choice will have to be made between two incompatible ideas of rights; and by choosing one, the Government will court a violent response from the partisans of the other. Orangemen wish to march, as they have for two centuries. Nationalists wish to stop or control them, as they have recently discovered they

The devil in Northern Ireland is in both the principle and the detail. The principle is freedom: Northern Ireland is a laboratory for the testing of freedoms, but no definition yet commands assent across the communities. The details lie on the streets of three small areas.

The first is the Ormeau Road area itself; the second the town of Portadown, south-west of Belfast; and the third the village of Dunloy, in North Antrim. In the largely Catholic village of Dunloy, a hardline Orange leadership insists on absolute freedom to parade. In the Ormeau Road and Portadown, residents' associations led by Sinn Fein resist any kind of march — but talks cannot be held because the Orange lodges refuse to talk to representatives with terrorist

In Portadown a year ago, the police

Can Blair avoid another Drumcree?

reversed a decision to ban the march to Drumcree Church, and by forcing the parade through hundreds of protesters drawn partly from the nearby Catholic estates created yet another series of images of "brutality".

Drumcree — as it swiftly became known — has been promoted assiduously as a high-point of Unionist tri-

umphalism, supported by the State. It is not that. It is a morass of Loyalist tradition, now resentful and in some groups violent; of careful stoking of Nationalist greviances; of police forced to choose between rights to march and rights to protest against marches. However these elements are judged, Drumcree has been hugely useful to the Sinn Fein cause.

In proclaiming the need to "Stop Orange Marches!", Sinn Fein taps a deep well of resentment against a: past in which Unionists did beat their lambeg drums all about and through Catholic areas, to emphasise the status of the province. Now, as the Catholic population surges above 40 per cent; as Sinn Fein's vote rises from single figures to around 16 per

Strabane and Belfast City (their vote being sullenly apathetic); as the trish Republic waxes in wealth and selfconfidence, Unionism sees itself standing not just on narrow, but on .

steadily narrowing ground.

How does new Labour address such an old conflict? Dr Marjorie. Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, has done so by emphasising the difference in style between her demotic self and the patrician Sir Patrick Mayhew, her Tory predecessor. She has walked about, talked to and in one case embraced those presented to her. She stresses the need for dialogue and tries to promote it. She has been to America. to see the powerbrokers of the Irish lobby and to enlist them in the cause of persuading Sinn Fein to cease terrorism so that it can join the talks which begin next week.

But as Prime Minister, Tony Blair has made the running. His speech in Belfast two weeks ago was his largest rhetorical essay since taking office.

cent; as Unionists lose control of the consigned any prospect of a councils in Cookstown, Fermanagh, united Ireland to far into the second half of next century; and by saying "I believe in the Union", he even suggested that as British Prime Minister he wants Northern Ireland to stay British and is not merely acquiescing in the need to preserve the link because the majority in the province demand it.

This is very "new Labour" in its determination to dissolve irrelevant old divisions. With Mowlam playing the Nationalist and Blair the Unionist side of the street - in nuance and style only, of course — can agree-ment, somehow, be achieved?

No. These are merely the opening gambits. New Labour knows, or will soon learn, that the government of a territory in contention between two national ambitions faces a choice sooner or later. Unionists believe that a choice was made, and that a long, slow withdrawal has been engi-neered by the Northern Irish Office, in cahoots with Irish governments as they have undertaken a long, slow takeover. Decried as paranoid, this version of events remains the most plausible. But when left at that, it is also self-defeating. It prescribes ej- :3 ther counter-terrorism or passivity.

Mr Blair's hint that this may not be his position — that he wants to see Northern Ireland actively recon-firmed within the UK — has given David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, a strategy. That strategy is to propose to Unionists and Nationalists that Northern Ireland's constitutional status must be accepted, but that its civic structures must be renewed on the basis of cultivated trust; that the discriminations, exclusions and insults of the past must be faced, admitted and tackled: and that a society of equals is available.

Trimble, at least in some moods, seems to be the leader capable of furthering that vision. But he needs Mowlam and Blair to protect his back against the ever-potent charge of betrayal. He needs to have the union guaranteed. He needs Mr Blair's belief in the union to be rein-

forced by more than one good speech. In the devilish details of this summer's marching season, Lahour's intent and resolve may become manifest. In making clear the terms under which it will permit marches, or the reasons why it will ban them, it will reveal the drift of its policy. The stubby little steeple of Drumcree church pokes its way into British politics once more, demanding a response.

John Lloyd is associate editor of the

Progress may lead backwards

The geometry of politics lends

movements a

spurious

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eviewing Hugh Cecil's so-cial history of homosexuality for this weekend's Sunday Times, I was teased by a question which lay outside the ambit of my review, because the author hardly discusses it. This is the question of "progress".

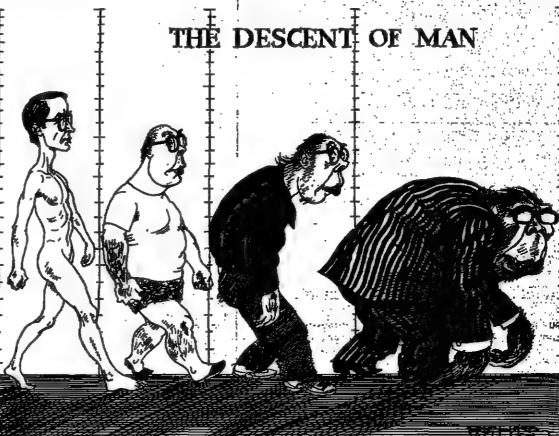
A book like his must make much of

the idea of "progress" with homosexual reform, and this concept of progress is what teased me. My doubts are not about the desirability of removing prejudice against homosexuals, but about the word 'progress", and the associated ideas of "going forward" and "going back" when used to describe political or social change. Applied not to the physical world but to the world of ideas, Newtonian concepts of momentum combine with the sneakily judgmental choice of "forward" and "backward" to describe motion. The effect is subtly to infiltrate philosophy with physics. The process is at best questionable, at worst bogus.

Mr Cecil's powerfully argued contention is that the conviction of Oscar Wilde set back the cause of homosexual emancination for decades (note "set back"). He shows how the selfpublicist Wilde pushed the extravag-antly gay life too far, creating a backlash (note "push" and "back"-lash). Later in the book he goes on to describe the resumption of progress towards homosexual equality, and the pace of progress in our own day.

And I asked myself whether it was possible now, as it plainly was in 1895, for social change to go into "reverse". Does modern social progress operate on some sort of a ratchet, meaning that the pace of revolution can quicken or slow, even pause occasionally or "retreat" a little before another leap "forward", but cannot be significantly wound back?

The question is just as arresting when applied to the emancipation of women, to the ending of discrimination against black people, or to the "advance" of animal welfare, religious toleration or the disablement lobby. But equally arresting is the use of spatial concepts involving motion in a "forward" direction as the key metaphor for the description of social and political change. How important is this, subliminally, to the potency of an argument? How much of the force



of a "progressive" movement derives from the unconscious intimation that it would be futile to try to stop the future coming? Yet fascism once carried just this force, and so did the Holy Roman Empire. The religious revival of the 19th century saw itself as and felt like a progressive movement. though among its indirect consequences was the sexual repression that ground Wilde beneath its heel.

Who can argue with "progress"? The most striking contemporary use of this rhetorical ploy for political ends was Margaret Thatcher's "Uturn if you want to. The lady's not for rurning." End of argument, surely, if one is not to advocate dangerous driving? In the same way, Tony Blair has in recent months developed a habit of responding to left-wing objections to his policies with the expression "we cannot go back to the past". A variation of this is "we cannot return to the arguments of the 1980s". He is also given to remarking "we have to look forward, not back", and that "we must develop policies to go

forward to the new millennium". Of course at the most literal level there is no gainsaying this. Clearly we cannot go back to the past. It is, however, possible to revive policies that were followed in the past. Ironically, "the arguments of the 1980s" to which we "cannot go back" were themselves precisely about going back. Going back to the private own-

Matthew

ership of coalmines, steelworks, gasworks and railways; going back to the days when the State did not house people; to a time when trades unions had no legal immunities. But it is notable that Margaret Thatcher rarely used the metaphor of turning back

the clock to recommend her policies. Only in the ethical field (return to Victorian values") did she enlist the language of retreat; for aithough the vocabulary of the onward march has an overwhelming appeal, especially to younger men, there remains a secondary place in the hearts of the frightened, the passive or the insecure for the vocabulary of "going back home": the imagery of haven, of return to the familiar and safe.

Part of Margaret Thatcher's potency was her melding of the two. She was a reactionary with a radical message, best captured in a phrase that Malcolm Rifkind (quoting Giuseppe di Lampedusa) once offered me: "If you want things to stay the same, things are going to have to change." Margaret Thatcher "went back" to the arguments of the 1950s,

the 1920s - even the 1870s. Yet now going forward to the new millennium" involves not going back over arguments which did take us back part - to the century before socialism. But Mr Blair has "hit the ground running". Any fool knows you can only run forward. QED.

I offer these examples - Cacil's homosexual progress". Thatcher's reluctance to countenance a "U-turn". and Blair's refusal to "go back to the past" - not to dispute their aims. I share all three I cite them to show how useful the choice of metaphor can be in determining the success of a democratic project.

An objection must be answered: you may protest that it is not politicians' guile but common English, which treats time as a journey in which we travel forward to the future. with the past behind us. In this sense, to say we go forward is only to say we persist. We have all gone forward since the same time yesterday, with the clock - by 24 hours, to be precise.

Alternatively you may profest that the concept of "progressing" — of "taking a step forward" — is simply a metaphor to denote our approval of some change words like forwardlooking" and "progressive" just mean changing for the better.

Or you may protest that that innocent metaphor of moving forward has a third useful application:
"moving a project forward" (making achieving getting things done, with-out implying any judgment, good or bad, or what is being done.

And all three protests make a fair point. Are these not simply three ways in which common English

usage employs the metaphor of a journey through time? Indeed. We do use "move forward" to mean "move onward in time". We do use it to mean "improve". And we do use it to mean "achieve". Where guile comes in is when speakers tangle these three meanings togeher. The confusion can propel us into accepting without question that it would be perverse to stop, to change direction, or to undo what has been done because you cannot "stand in the way of progress" or "go back to the past". Yet "going pack" may well be - often is - a "forward step". And "progress" with a project may well be a regressive development. The apparent absurdity of such sentiments derives from the use within a single sentence of two metaphors, each drawn from spatial reasoning, but differently employed.

or instance, there is no doubt that fundamentalist Islam, is in one sense, making great progress. All over the Muslim world, women are returning to purdah; in Afghanistan televisions are being destroyed. But to a liberal Westerner there is also a sense in which this is not progress at all. To a Shia it is progress in both senses. An Ayatollah would agree with our Prime Minister that "there is no going back to the arguments of the 1980s" - but he would mean something rather different.

The conflation of these distinct meanings of the metaphor of progress has much to answer for. It may be partly responsible for the Whig idea of the inevitability of liberalism, but it is not confined to liberal propagandists: Nazism inculcated in its adherents a powerful idea of "progress" and momentum, as, for half a century, did communism. That is not to deny that all three offered arguments for the rightness of their causes; but in popular reasoning and rhetoric they relied on being seen as Progress — and therefore to be welcomed. The future must come!

But like all lazy argument, the argument for the inevitability of progress covers with a cloak of apparent reason what may be weak, ill-considered, empty, rotten or simply auto-cratic, it is not unlike the peremptory parent's "Because!" as an answer to a precoclous child's "Why?" "There's no stopping progress" can make a movement's rationale appear stronger than it is. Whether met among gay activists. Thatcherites or new Labour evangelists, it should be distrusted. It is as firm, and as brittle, as the crust on a crème brûlée.

Powell vaults

guest-list.

THE ANNUAL white-tie dinner at is the sort where spouses tend not the Royal Academy the other night took on the character of a Whitehall farce after a case of mistaken identity involving two Lady Powells, a missing hearing aid and Sir Isaiah Berlin.

The dinner, held every year since the Academy was founded in 1770.



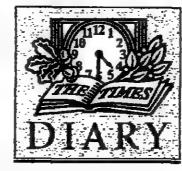
Lady Carla and Sir Isaiah: confusion at the Academy

home nearby in London, and tell her to put her togs on sharpish and get down to the Academy.

Meanwhile, the Lady Powell who had been invited - Carla Powell, wife of Baroness Thatcher's former private secretary, Sir Charles, arrived in a flap having forgotten her hearing aid. She sent her driver back home to fetch it just as the other Lady Powell arrived.

The Academy managed to ac-commodate both Lady Powells for dinner, but were thrown when Caria Powell's driver returned with the missing hearing-aid. It was handed to the wrong Lady Powell, whose hearing is sound, just as she was talking to Sir Isajah Berlin.

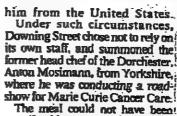
Astonished, she handed it to Sir Isaiah, who believed it to be his and promptly slipped it into his pocket. Lady (Carla) Powell went without her hearing-aid for the evening; Sir Philip and his wife received strange phone calls about the missing item over the weekend: and when Sir Isaiah returned home that evening. his wife demanded to know why he was in the possession of three



Wednesday afternoon when he was locked in the library while writing the speech he was to deliver that evening at the Catherine Packenham fournalists' awards, "It was the first time I've ever wished I had a mobile telephone," he said later. "I had to bash on the door for about twenty minutes before an attendant heard me and unlocked

Yum yum

PRESIDENT CLINTON, a notorious trencherman and hamburger fan, was taking few chances at ● Lord Longford, 91, fell foul of lunch yesterday with Tony Blair: security in the House of Lords on he brought his own taster with



more healthy: steamed halibut followed by summer fruits for Clinton and Blair over their working lunch;

grilled sea-bass and a pudding for Hillary and Cherie. Gibberish comes easily to Mark

Rylance, artistic director of the new Globe Theatre His programme notes for Henry V, in which he performed yesterday for Hillary Clin-ton and Cherie Blair, are a classic "Imagination is my beginning and end. The words and images I find there have nothing to communicate in form, or sell. They rise or fall from an unknown source and mock all explanation 1. believe without my actor's passport to that mediating Globe I would surely be mad or dead." Fortimately, the Shakespeare is more straightforward.

Star turn

of Love is the Devil, a British Film. Miss McCartney, who was recently institute production about the art—appointed chief designer at life. ist Francis Bacon, is Stella McCart. ney, Paul and Linda's seamstress daughter. In her screen debut, she but was persuaded to join, in by will appear as an extra, along with the party-going director, John Anita Pallenberg, star of the cen- Maybury, sored 1960s film, Performance. "Stella will be on set for one day



as a passenger on a London Tube-train," says a BFI spokesman. "She THE LATEST addition to the cast there dressed in her own designs." doesn't say anything, she just sits French fashion house Chloe, hasal ways shied away from the cameras,

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CURSE OF MAASTRICHT

The Bundesbank declares war on EMU chicanery

Less than a week after Tony Blair's rap-turous reception at Noordwijk, the political battles in France and Germany have made that outbreak of continental euphoria over Labour's election victory suddenly irrelevant. As Blairs and Clintons made their almost royal progress about London yesterday, the American President unexpectedly found himself not at the centre of a European drama but well off-stage. The plot has changed overnight, thrusting Helmut Kohl and Jacques Chirac into the limelight before a throng of jeering, hostile groundlings.
The first act was set in France, where

President Chirac will emerge seriously weakened from his electoral gamble. Whichever coalition wins this Sunday, the President has already lost. Even if the Right scrapes through, the ease with which France's dimly led Socialists have pinned the Government on the ropes has destroyed allM Chirac's hopes of claiming that he has a mandate to squeeze France into trim for economic and monetary union in 1999. This French election may prove far more significant for Europe than Britain's.

Compared with the high drama of the battle between Charicellor-Kohl and the Bundesbank, however, that tense first act has the makings of no more than a subplot. The Bundesbank has not only flatly opposed the rash decision of Theo Waigel, the German Pinance Minister, to plug the hole in Germany's finances by revaluing its gold reserves and pocketing the paper profit; it has denounced it as "an attack on Bundesbank independence". By further stating that if EMU goes ahead on the basis of such accounting tricks, it will lack credibility and stability, the bank has confirmed every Ger-

man's secret fears about giving up the mark.

The Chancellor defiantly insists that he will change the Bundesbank law and press ahead. He has taken on the bank and won once before, over the terms of German monetary unification. But this time, his obsession with EMU has set him on a course that could destroy both his political career and his pet project. Germany's Socialist Opposition may be weak and disorganised, but no more so than the French; this could be . that takes him over the cliff.

the catalyst that made up the party's mind on EMU. The press is up in arms: so are economists. The Chancellor has only a narrow Bundestag majority and MPs, in their constituencies for the Corpus Christi holiday, are getting an earful from voters.

Even so, the Chancellor may believe that he has no alternative. Were he to retreat now, and raise taxes instead, he would be seen to be acting out of weakness. Voters already reluctant to pay more tax for "Europe" will be even less willing to do so to save the blushes of Herr Kohl and the unloved Herr Waigel. But even if he can quell a political revolt and the law passes, the Bundesbank has powerful weapons left if it is as serious as Hans Tietmeyer, the

Bundesbank President, appears to be. The bank transfers its annual profits to Bonn after the calendar year ends; it could refuse to transfer the gains from revaluing the reserves until 1998, too late to help Germany meet the Maastricht targets. It is Herr Tietmeyer, not Herr Kohl, who has the vote in the European Monetary Institute, when it decides in January which countries qualify for EMU. Before EMU goes ahead, the German Constitutional Court must also have its say; it would be rejuctant to go against a negative Bundeshank assessment.

When it is winning the battle for public opinion hands down, the bank has every interest in prolonging the war. Herr Kohl has linked gold, debt, recession and Europe in the public mind; Germans will be all the more protective of the mark and the Bundesbank, their guarantees against remembered horrors. They may judge that if their own politicians are prepared to trample on the Bundesbank for the sake of EMU, the future European Central Bank will be wide open to political attack. German doubters have been reluctant to speak out against EMU for fear of being stigmatised as anti-European; but now they can take up arms in the name of their most respected national institution. For Europe, this too long delayed confrontation is healthy. But for the hitherto surefooted Herr Kohl this may, as Anatole Kaletsky writes on page 29, be a step too far - the one

CANARY IN THE MINE

Chris Woodhead is central to improvement in our schools

Treasury, more visible than in education. hours of taking office, David Blunkett has used every opportunity to stress the commitment of his department to raising educational achievement. The identification of failing schools, the creation of the new School Effectiveness Unit and the admonitions on teaching standards from Stephen Byers, the Minister of State, are all evidence of a welcome sense of purpose. They are also evidence of the influence on the education debate of the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead. In defiance of vested interests within the teaching unions, Mr Woodhead has reasserted the importance of traditional teaching and testing. Now, however, having embraced him, Labour appears poised to squeeze him out.

The news that Mr Woodhead has been appointed vice-chairman of a task force to disseminate good practice within state schools would, ordinarily, be entirely welcome. What renders the elevation ominous is the identity of his new colleague, Professor Tim Brighouse. Professor Brighouse is not so much Mr Woodhead's brother-in-arms as his bitter opponent. As Birmingham's Chief Education Officer, Professor Brighouse has proved himself a creature of municipal: socialism rather than a promoter of professional excellence. His producer-interest instincts are apparent in his belief that failing schools should be shielded and "supported". The Government, wisely, has preferred to name them and institute a. public process to effect improvements.

The energy that Labour has brought to The manner in which Professor Briggovernment is nowhere, apart from the house's new job will formally be announced does nothing to allay concern. Mr Blunkett is to unveil the details of his new task force to the National Association of Head Teachers' Conference in Scarborough today but the substance of the announcement leaked out yesterday. The coralling of Mr Woodhead with Professor Brighouse was clearly intended to signal to the teaching unions that their concerns about Ofsted were being acknowledged. David Hart of the NAHT certainly took comfort from the news, concluding that "this is the Government's way of bringing the inspector under more direct control". The teaching unions' real hopes are easily discernible behind Mr Hart's cloud of euphemism. They believe not so much that Mr Woodhead will now work far better with the Government, rather that the Government would work far better without him.

> Government sources have aiready argued that they want Ofsted to play a more "constructive" role. Some could see in the Government's treatment of Mr Woodhead, as in its handling of Eddie George, a process closer to constructive dismissal. If the new task force is to "evangelise" why has a proselytiser like Mr Woodhead been teamed with a Pharisee such as Professor Brighouse? Mr Blair admires the work of Ofsted under Mr Woodhead and, certainly, the mechanisms his Government has set in place could serve their avowed shared purpose of levering standards up. Other forces could, however, frustrate the work that needs to be done. Mr Woodhead is the canary in the mine. Mr Blair should ensure he is not knocked off his perch.

VANITY PUBLISHING

Books do furnish the mind as well as the beach

This is the year of the book as fashion accessory. Until now Donald Trump has been celebrated for loves other than his love of literature. But his publicist has announced, in a survey of what celebrities will be taking to the beach, that Mr Trump will be reading Salman Rushdie's The Moor's Last Sigh on his nightclub-fringed holiday. And as our New York correspondent reports on page 17, Mason & Dixon by Thomas Pynchon is hitting the best-seller lists hard; no Manhattan glass-top table can be without it

Critics have called this novel "the easy Pynchon". But "easy" is a comparative word. It depends on who is doing the deconstruction. For the world's most reclusive author is a follower of the Kerouac school of "spenianeous prose". The act of reading Pynchon parallels his protagonists' acts of deciphering an encoded world. His books are anti-detective stories, in which the mystery rather than the solution is the point. When fold that he was to be marooned on a desert island, but could have any book by Thomas Pynchon, the castaway might reply that he would take Poison. A Pynchon novel is complex, turgid, erudite and a door-

stopper to trip the unwary. Easy, it ain't. But that is part of its attraction. It belongs to the literary genre entitled "great them eventually turn into the apotheosis unreadables". All readers should make their the great unreadable: a literary classic.

own lists of such books. Many will set off for the beach with Proust again this summer; but few will reach Le temps retrouvé and the moral that "Happiness is good for the body, but sorrow develops the powers of the spirit." Proust should have put that at the beginning. Stephen Hawking's A Brief History of Time is insufficiently brief for many, who find it a bit long in the middle. When Umberto Eco followed up The

Name of the Rose with Foucault's Pendulum; a journalist pasted a slip at page 410 of every copy of the stacks piled up at the semiotically-challenging book in Barnes & Noble, the three-storey Washington bookstore. It promised to send \$50 to anybody who posted the slip to the address printed on it. The journalist reported that he did not

have to fork out a single \$50-dollar bill. But the great unreadables make far better fashion accessories than scarves or ties. They are works of man's intellect as well as his vanity. Writing is the only profession in which no one considers the author ridiculous if he earns no money. To be paid and unread is better than merely to be unread. When left lying ostentatiously on the coffee table, an unreadable may attract a reader as well as admiration or envy. And some of them eventually turn into the apotheosis of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ex-MPs on Tory leadership battle

From Sir Jim Lester and others

Sir, We are all former Conservative Members of Parliament who lost our seats at the general election on May 1. We are all keen to return to the House of Commons or to maximise the chances of our successors doing so in our constituencies at the next election. The current Conservative leader-ship contest will shape the party's image and policies over the next five

years. Over the last five years, we spent for too much time as a party ar-guing among ourselves and far too little explaining how and why Brit-am's economic success depends on Conservatives being in power. It is a mistake that we need not and must not repeat in Opposition. We believe that the new leader should make the economy and everything that stems from it, not Europe, the central battleground of the Tory attack on Labour. Some excellent candidates are available as future leader. Of them, the man most likely to keep the economy at the forefront of debate, and make our attack on Labour stick, is without doubt Ken Clarke. He will be seen as the Chancellor who presided over an economic success story that Labour is about to ruin. We saw an early proof

Brown in the House of Commons. Ken Clarke is above all else a fighter, and it is a fighter - tested both in opposition and in government — that the party now needs to rebuild itself in these difficult times. Ken Clarke is at once experienced and popular. He can communicate effectively both in Parliament and the country. It is difficult to see how the party could do better than choose him, as a basis on which to decisively move on to the offensive, as a strong and united force, preparing for electoral victory.

of his firepower last Tuesday in a

formidable onslaught on Gordon

Yours faithfully, JIM LESTER (MP. 1974-97), ROBERT ATKINS (MP, 1979-97), PETER BUTLER (MP. 1992-97). TIM RATHBONE (MP. 1974-97). MARK ROBINSON (MP, 1983-87, 1992-97),

MALCOLM THORNTON **GARY WALLER** (MP, 1979-97),

4 Trevose House, Orsett Street, SEII.

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, Your reports (May 23) concerning the anger of the voluntary party about the decision of the 1922 Committee to select a leader by votes of the parliamentary party alone are correct.

The voluntary wing of the party — the members — has increasingly regarded the parliamentary party as undisciplined and a problem in itself. Individually, MPs are respected: collectively, much less so, and for an English rump of MPs, representing less than half the English constituencies and none of the Welsh or Scottish, to decide the leadership for years to come is unacceptable.

Members of Conservative Associations know well that they select the MPs, work to get them elected, and substantially provide the cash to run elections and support Conservative Central Office, which has, since Disraeli, "belonged" to the Leader. Now the age of deference has passed they increasingly feel that "He who

pays the piper calls the tune".

The National Union of Conservative Associations is right to demand its share of the vote, but the issue goes wider, and demands proper consideration of giving a vote also to Conservative councillors, peers, and MEPs. The new rules, finalised at the end of this year, must be symbolic of a renewed party in which participation and leadership are combined in ways not seen hitherto.

Some of the leadership candidates have wisely said that, if elected, they will re-submit themselves under the new rules. That will resolve the problem, as long as the new rules provide for a full election involving the direct votes of all sections of the Conservative Party. If they do not, the consequences could be dire, with a leader elected by MPs alone being regarded simply as leader of the parliamentary party, not Leader of the party as a whole.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON (Conservative MEP for Kent East, 8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent. May 28.

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir. As Conservative MPs elect their leader they should bear in mind Churchill's proposition - with Attlee in mind — that often the people he found the least impressive at the first meeting subsequently proved to be the most able by far. He said that the

reverse also applied.
Courage, proven political ability. integrity, wit and tenacity are qual-ities in short supply. Luckily they are possessed in abundance by Peter

Yours sincerely. TOM BENYON (Conservative MP for Abingdon, PO Box 181. Adstock, Buckingham MKI8 2RN.

Sponsorship ban could 'save' sports

From Mr R. A. Philips

Sir, Most sponsors of sports (letters, May 21) put their money into high-profile events where television coverage is likely to increase the number of targets for their message. Sponsors who donate large sums of money from the goodness of their heart are few and far between.

Prior to the last Olympics, the oarsman Steven Redgrave, one of Britain's greatest ever Olympians, found it hard to get sponsorship for his ama-teur sport, Had rowing been a sport that received better television coverage, I am sure that both he and his club, Leander, could have been financially secure well into the next cen-

Television draws the sponsors, but it is a double-edged sword. One only has to look across the Atlantic to see what over-commercialisation does to a sport. The sponsors rely on vast TV audiences, and the television companies rely on advertising revenue from commercial breaks before, during and after the coverage. The result is that sports are forced to adjust their rules and format to suit television schedules, sometimes to the detriment of the sportsmen and women.

Perhaps the proposal to ban tobacco sponsorship might save some of our sports from being ruined by the advertising industry. Rather than stopping companies sponsoring sport, may I suggest that the passive adver-tising of tobacco be banned. It should be an offence to show on British television advertisements for tobacco products in whatever form. If the tobacco companies wish to continue to sponsor sport as a form of moral penance for the damage they do, why not

Yours sincerely, R. A. PHILIPS, 10 Broughton Avenue, Ham, Surrey.

From Mr Marcus Elliott

Sir. The banning of tobacco company sponsorship of sport will. I hope, have one unplanned beneficial effect.

The ludicrous amount of prize money on offer, which is turning most sports into businesses and many of the stars into money machines, will have to be reduced, perhaps bringing a new sense of reality to what, after all, are only games.

MARCUS H. ELLIOTT. Pen Dinas, Great Orme, Llandudno, Conwy.

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Value of Bart's hospital From Mrs Jenny Edmonds

Sir, Mrs Wendy Mead (letter, May 26)

did well to point out the misconceptions on funding which have been allowed to grow regarding the royal and ancient hospital of St Bartholo-It is royal because Henry VIII, in

one of his wiser moments, granted it a royal charter to serve the poor of London, a maxim which has inspired the generosity of hundreds of bene-factors to endow the hospital with the funds of which Mrs Mead wrote. And Bart's is still there with wards, specialised units, operating theatres and, most importantly, beds - all up and running — in the middle of London's worst hospital bed crisis for years. There is no need to spend millions of pounds on the Royal London Hospital at Whitechapel to recreate what already exists in Smithfield.

It is ancient because the sick have been treated at Smithfield since, about nine hundred years ago, monks began practising the art of healing. Bart's has continued to lead the field of medicine ever since. The very recent additions to the hospital - at a cost of millions - endorsed the continuing excellence of service that the hospital has shown over the centuries.

Because of the reputation of the hospital's medical and nursing schools, those who trained at Bart's are respected throughout the world and, as a consequence, the hospital has never had difficulty in recruiting people to work and study there. I cannot think what future genera-

tions will say if, at the end of the 20th century, such a jewel should be allow-

Yours faithfully. JENNY EDMONDS, Old Farm, Vicarage Lane, Laleham-on-Thames, Middlesex.

Courtesy in the House

Sir, By happy coincidence your report (May 24) about Members of Parlia-

ment espousing politeness appeared

on the day we were holding our AGM in Central Hall, Westminster. Among

From Miss Gill Mackenzie,

Honorary Secretary of the

Campaign for Courtesy

Value of education

From Dr J. C. Lester

Sir, Dr Avner Offer argues (letter, May 26) that lower income parents often do not have the means to invest in education for the benefit of both their children and society (in other words, that education is a public good), and that this "is why education is everywhere subsidised from taxes".

This is indeed the received wisdom. However, with as much, or as little, argument one can also view this as just another example of the public good myth being used by vested interests to grab tax-extorted money. while working chiefly to their own. uncompetitive, satisfaction. As members of the public lose relatively little individually, they lack the incentive to understand and organise against such predation and shoddy services.

My point is that the benefits of taxsubsidies for education are not as obvious as Dr'Offer suggests. There is a real debate to be had here.

Yours sincerely, J. C. LESTER. Middlesex University, School of Philosophy. White Hart Lane, N17.

Fiji and the Crown

Sir. Ganesh Lall's comparision of Files 1990 constitution with apartheid in South Africa (letter, May 12) is totally invalid. The fact is that both before and after the coups of 1987 the relationship between the two main racial groups, the indigenous Fijians and the long-established Indian immigrants, has been enviably good.

perceived threat to the Fijian way of life which could have resulted from a government with its roots in a totally different culture. An impartial observer can surely understand this, without necessarily condoning the action which was taken. While the 1990 constitution falls short of perfect democracy, it is in no way oppressive and appears to be acceptable to the great majority of Fiji's citizens.

The Commonwealth has from time to time tolerated some very questionable regimes, presumably in the hope of bringing them to better ways. It should not hesitate to welcome the return of a loyal ex-member, whose record, except on this one very difficult constitutional matter, has been im-

Yours faithfully.
GEORGE MOODY-STUART (Managing Director, Fiji Sugar Corporation, 1977-80), 11 Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey. May 23.

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other matters, our members discusse the poor behavioural example set by many MPs in the last Parliament. In one of his poems, William Cowper described women as "the sex whose presence civilises ours". If the presence of so many women in the new intake has this effect on their male colleagues, it augurs well for

those of us promoting the benefits of courtesy in our everyday lives. The consequent restoration of a little dignity in the House would be no

bad thing either. Yours, much encouraged, GILL MACKENZIE, Honorary Secretary, The Campaign for Courtesy, 6 Norman Avenue, Henley-on-Thames. Oxfordshire.

From Professor Emeritus George Milner

May 25.

From Mr George Moody-Stuart

Sir. On October 8, 1987, when Fiji was faced with a crisis for the second time in a few months, you published a letter in which I drew attention to a cruel dilemma for the ethnic Fijians. They were caught between their abiding loyalty to the Crown, gallantly shown in World War II and other conflicts, and their perceived duty to guard the land and the fishing grounds, the roots of their being, from The coups were the result of a alienation.

> A few days later a republic was proclaimed and because of this change of status Fiji lost her membership of the Commonwealth. Yet the Union Jack is still in the place of honour on the flag, the Queen's effigy remains on both coinage and banknotes and the Queen's birthday is kept as a national holiday. The recent news that a petition has been submitted to Her Majesty, with a request for readmittance to the Commonwealth, shows that this most reluctant prodigal son has never lost

his deep attachment to the family. It is greatly to be hoped that at the next Commonwealth Heads of Government conference, due to meet in Edinburgh in October, Her Majesty's Prime Minister will do his utmost to persuade his fellow leaders that on the basis of new constitutional amendments yet to be unveiled, let alone for other compelling reasons. Fiji has a strong case and should be welcomed back into the family of Common-

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MILNER Cross Tree Cottage, Lopen, South Petherton, Somerset. May 23.

wealth nations.

Helicopter crash decision to stand

From Mr Tom Pocock

Sir. The Government took the surprising decision last week to support its predecessor's decision against reopening the inquiry into the Mull of Kintyre helicopter crash of 1994, in which 29 people, including 25 senior Northern Ireland intelligence officers. were killed (letters, August 24, 1995, April 5, 1996). The verdict of "gross negligence" still applies to the two dead pilots although, as explained by Lord Chalfont in the House of Lords and Martin O'Neill, MP, in the Commons, the Royal Air Force appears to be ignoring its own rule that deceased aircrew should not be blamed for

crashes without conclusive evidence.

A fatal accident inquiry under Scottish law attached no blame to the pilots and the president of the RAF board of inquiry was unable to estab-lish the cause of the crash. However, despite this, the final decision was taken, without the production of further evidence, by two senior officers, who seemed to rely on circumstantial evidence in coming to their own harsh and uncompromising verdict. In a Newsnight report last week, one commentator said the RAF were, in effect, suggesting that two of their most experienced pilots had carelessly flown into a mountain.

An unanswered question remains: why were those important passengers flown in an aircraft whose suitability for service had been questioned by its own pilot?

Yours faithfully, TOM POCOCK, 22 Lawrence Street, SW3. May 29.

Just deserts

From Mr Andrew M. Keily

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Alan Millard (letter, May 27), when discussing whether universities have a legal duty to provide what they promise, suggests that a degree - like eternal life - has to be earned.

This is perhaps an unfortunate comparison since the Bible states unequivocally

For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it (Ephesians 2, viii and ix, Good News version).

It therefore follows, assuming that the Bible is true, that there will be no prospect of anyone being able to sue St Peter for failure to recognise and reward good works. His task will simp ly be limited to identifying and welcoming the Lord's family members, whilst excluding others.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW M. KELLY, 80 Ridgeway Crescent, Orpington, Kent. May 27.

Dangerous wolf-dogs

From Mr Budd Berkman

Sir, I am a board member of one of the leading wolf-dog sanctuaries in America, and like your animal experts, including the RSPCA, would strongly urge your readers not to acquire a wolf-dog as a pet (report, "Wolf-dogs 'too dangerous' to be kept as pets".

Our organization exists because. unfortunately, a staggering 90 per cent of wolf-dogs in America are abandoned or put down before the age of two. People who feel they're acquiring a "super watchdog" or an exotic ani-mal to show to friends find the novelty soon wears off as the puppy grows. They do not realize the extremely special care a wolf-dog requires, such

Proper containment - minimum 8fthigh fencing with the wire buried at least one foot underground Companionship - being a "pack" animal, it must have another animal

as a companion Socialization — in a family situation they are unpredictable and they continually assert themselves to find their place in the hierarchy, which easily leads to aggressive behaviour. Re-member, we're dealing with an ani-mal with predatory instincts; perfectly normal and healthy for a wolf in the wild, potentially dangerous for a

neighborhood pet: Though extremely intelligent, wolfdogs are almost impossible to train. They will do what they want, when they want, and should not be brought up in a domestic environment.

We'd rather not have to open a sanctuary in England.

Yours faithfully, BUDD BERKMAN, Member, Board of Directors, Candy Kitchen Rescue Ranch, Ramah, New Mexico. 87321.

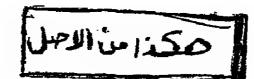
Water off a duck's back

From Mr Tony Fuller

Sir, if it takes ten plastic ducks @ [1 each to provide clean water for life for an Ethiopian (report and photograph, May 27), how many ducks would it take to do the same for a British consumer?

Yours faithfully. ANTONY FULLER. Beech House. Worcester Road, Chipping Norion, Oxfordshire. May 27.







COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 29: The Queen, Duke of Lancaster, this merning attended a Service in The Queen's Chapel of the Savey, London WC2, and was received by the Chaplain (the Reverend John Robson) and Mr Michael Ridley (Clerk of the Coun-

Afterwards Her Majesty was shown historic prints of the Chapel and proposals for future improveand attended a Reception. The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain) later had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of

Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply. The Viscount Brookeborough (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the United States of America and Mrs Clinton and welcomed them on behalf of The

May 29: The Duke of York this evening attended the Reunion Dinner of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at the Foreign and Commonwealth Of-fice. London SWI.

May 29: The Prince Edward, President, this evening attended the National Youth Music Theatre's performance of Bugsey Malone at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London W6. May 29: The Princess Royal this morning opened Macduff Marine Aquarium, 18 High Shore, Macduff, Banff, and was received

by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bantishire (Mr James Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Banff Day Care Services. Doocot View, St Combs Court,

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened The Princess Royal Park Project, Banff. **CLARENCE HOUSE**

May 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron, this morning visited the Cambridge Arts Theatre, Cambridge

Her Majesty, as Patroness, sub-sequently honoured the President of Queens: College (the Lord Eatwell) with her presence at Luncheon at the President's Lodge. Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 29: The Prince of Wales, accompanied by a group of architectural advisers, this morning visited Alexander Pope's Grotto and Horace Walpole's House at Strawberry Hill, Twick-

enham. Middlesex. His Royal Highness, Patron. Dyson Antarctica Solo Expedition. this afternoon gave a Reception at St James's Palace

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Foundation for Integrated Medi-

cine, later attended a meeting at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness afterwards received the Bishop of Hull (the Right Reverend James Jones). The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception and Concert given by the New Sadler's Wells

Theatre at Kensington Palace State

His Royal Highness, Vice President, later attended a Dinner for the National Trust at St James's

KENSINGTON PALACE May 29: The Duchess of Glouces ter today visited the Suffolk Agricultural Show. Ipswich, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord

In the evening Her Royal Highness attended a Reception to mark the Silver Jubilee of Breakthrough Deaf-Hearing Integration at Man-sion House, London EC4. YORK HOUSE

President, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, this afternoon visited Islay Lifeboar Station, Port Askaig, Isle of Islay, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute (the Duke of

Argyll).
His Royal Highness this after-noon visited Cambeltown Lifeboat Station, Old Quay, Campbeltown,

Kintyre, Strathclyde.
The Duke of Kent this evening met representatives of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and their families at a Reception at Fernhill Hotel, Portpatrick, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wigtown (Ma-THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 29: Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were received by the Crown Prince and Princess of Japan this morning.

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy were subsequently received by Prince and Princess Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this after-noon received Prince and Princess

Takamado on board HMY Her Royal Highness later recrived Mr Takuma Yamamoto (Chairman of Fujitsu Limited) on behalf of The Queen, invested him with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Commander of the Mos

Princess Alexandra and the Ri Hon Sir Angus Oglivy this evening attended an Invest in Britain Bureau Reception for existing on bosrd *HM*Ÿ

Excellent Order of the British

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy, accompanied by Prince and Princess Takama afterwards viewed Beat Retreat from the Royal Yacht.

Today's birthdays

geon, 85: Mr Ray Cooney, theatrical producer, 65: the Marquess of Ely. 84: Mr Harry Enfield, writer, actor and comedian, 36: Mr Andrew Farrell, rugby league player.

The Right Rev J.W. Gladwin. Bishop of Guildford, 55; Mr Richard Hannon, racchorse trainer, 52: Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 77; Sir David Knox, Liewellyn, director, Henry Moore Dr John Marks, former chairman, British Medical Association, 72:

Mr Neville Braybrooke, writer. 74: Dr R.G.G. Mercer. former Head-Mr W.P. Cleland, thoracic sur-master, Stonyhurst College, 48: Mr master, Stonyhurst College, 48: Mr A.R. Moore, diplomat, 79: Mr Colin Myler, former managing director. Daily Mirror, 45.

> Sir Duncan Nichol, former chief executive, National Health Service Management Executive, 56; Lord Richard, QC. Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, t5; Mr Rowland Sanders, lawyer, 101; Mr Tim Waterstone, bookseller, 58: Mr Phillip Whitehead, MEP. 60: Mr Bob Willis, cricketer, 48; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Croda International, 71.



Informal touch during rehearsals yesterday for the Royal Pageant of the Horse in Windsor Great Park

1,000 horses will star in royal pageant

nard Cribbins and Peter O'Sullevan are to narrate the Royal Pageant of the Horse, marking the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh's 50th wedding anniversary. Preparations for the celebration on

Royal) Squadron, RAF Northoli, at

The Princess Royal, as Patron, Central Scotland Countryside

Trust, will launch the race "Airdrie

Woodlands: Up and Ruming from Caldervale High School, Alrdrie at 10.30; as Patron, Sense

The National Desiblind and Ru-bella Association, will open the

Contbridge Community Houses, 16/17 John Smith Gardens, Coat-

bridge, at 11.45; and will launch Scotland's National Gardening

Show, Strathclyde Country Park,

Motherwell at 1.00. Later, as

Patron. Northern Lighthouse Board, she will depart from Ler-

wick at 6.00 to inspect aids to navigation in the Northern Isles

The Duke of Kent, as President

Royal National Lifeboat Institu-tion will visit Portpatrick Lifeboat

Station, Dumfries and Galloway,

at 9.45; and Stranger Lifeboat

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by

the Sheriffs, was the principal
guest at a dinner given last night at
Mercers' Hall by the Broderers'
Company to mark the election of
Mr Stuart Errington as Master,
Mr CA. Hart as Warden and Mr

A. T. Peck as Renter Warden.

A. T. Peck as Renier Warden.
Among those present were:
The Right Hon Lord Kingsdown, KG,
(Lord-Lieutenant of Kent), Sir Peter
Harrop, Sir John Pretwell, Sir John
Lovill, the Prime Warden of the
Hishmongers' Company, the Master
of the Coachmakers' and CoachHarness Makers' Company, M
Leonce Dupont (Mayor of Bayeux),
Mr A W Waterworth (Lord-Lieutenant of
Merseyside), Mr P L Wroughton
(Lord-Lieutenant of Berishlret, and
Lieutenant-Colonel S V GilbariDenham, (Crown Equerry).

To Mr Ashe Lincoln, QC The chambers of Mr Ashe Lincoln,

QC. at 9 King's Bench Walk, held a dinner last night at the Naval Club to mark his 50 years as a "silk".

from MV Fingal.

Station at 11.05.

Dinners

Renderers' Company

July 5 have already begun in Windsor Great Park where an arena the size of horses, 4,000 people will take part. Wembley Stadium will be built with a grandstand for 23,000 speciators. Three hundred square metres of staging will hold a choir of 500 and 350 musicians.

The pageant will feature more than 1,000 Some 1,200 temporary stables will be built, six miles of trackway and 12 miles of electrical cable laid, and 30,000 square metres of tentage erected.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Today's royal engagements of Great Britain The Queen will visit the Royal Tank Regiment at Bovington, Dor-set at 11.15; and will visit 32 (The

The following have been awarded fellowship of the Royal Pharmaccutical Society of Great

Mr Barry Michael Andrews, Profession of Pharmacy; Mr Noel Baumber, Profession of Pharmacy; Mr David Bolton, Practice and Prof of Pharmacy; Miss Christine Mary Clark, Practice of Pharmacy; Mr Paul Norman Clark, Practice of Pharmacy; Professor David Anthony Cowan, Science of Phar-macy; Dr Malcolm Frier, Science and Practice of Pharmacy; Mr Kenneth Francis Gallagher, Prac-tice of Pharmacy; Mr Robert Pharmacy; Mrs Christine Glover,

Hail, Profession of Pharmacy; Mr John Erle Hill, Profession of Pharmacy: Dr Thomas Copland Muir, Science of Pharmacy, Mr David Hanson Newton, Profession of Pharmacy; Mrs Kath-leen Partitt, Practice of Pharmacy; Dr Ronald Purkiss, Practice and Prof of Pharmacy; Dr John Charles Smith, Practice of Pharmacy: Professor Roger David Waigh, Science of Pharmacy; Dr Graham Buckton, Designated under byelaw iii (3) for exceptional proficiency in the behaviour of materials of pharmaceutical importance in terms of their molecular and interfacial properties.

Profession of Pharmacy; Mr John

Service dinner Advanced Class Distance Club

Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill was the guest of honour Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, Woolwich Lieutenant-General E.F.G. But ton, president of the club, was in

Service luncheon

The King's Regiment Past and Present Colonels of The King's Regiment held a luncheon yesterday at Buck's Club. Brigadier Jeremy Gaskell, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Meeting

the chair.

Byron Society Professor John Lucas of Nottingham Trent University, delivered a lecture to the Byron Society at a meeting held last night at the St Ermins Hotel. Mr Michael Foot. deputy chairman, presided. Mr Geoffrey Bond, chairman, also

Church news Resignations and retirements

The Right Rev Eric Devenport, Archdescon of Italy and Malia and Chaplain of St Mark's, Florence, Italy (Europe): to retire June 30.

The Rev Harry Bunker, Rector, Blisworth (Peterborough): retired The Rev Michael Drew, Vicar, All Saints, Scraptoft, w St Elizabeth, Netherhall (Leicester): to retire

The Rev Montague Ellson, Rector, Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary and Starston (Norwich): to retire

The Rev Michael Stark, Chaplain to HM Prison, Welford Road, Leicester (Leicester): to retire June The Rev Patricia Pinkerton, Priestin-charge, St Briavels w Hewels-field (Gloucester): to retire August

The Rev Dr Brian Twohis, Vicar. St Cuthbert's, Sheffield (Sheffield): to retire June 30. The Rev John Walne, Priest-incharge, All Saints, Berrington; St Margaret, Betton Strange; St Peter, Cound (Hereford): retired

Memorial service Mr Edward Clements

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Edward Clements, barrister-at-law, a former member of the Court of Common Council and a former Master of the Scriveners' Company, was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and Sir Reginal Eyrs, son-in-law, read the lesson.

Lady Eyre, daughter, read from the works of Dylan Thomas and Miss Hermione Eyre, grand-daughter, read from the works of Robert Louis Stevenson. Dr James Cope gave an address. Among

meriners of the tanny, members of the Court of Common Council of the city of Lossdon and representatives of the tegal profession, the Servenest Company, the Company of Charterst Secretaries and Administrators, the City Livery Club, the Papt Masters Association, the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Old Bristollans Society the Parlingdon Ward Cleb and many other friends and colleagues.

University news

Oriel College The following elections have been To a scholarship: J C Grana

(Physics), formerly of the London Oratory School, To an exhibition: Stella Rosemary Stynes (Classics), formerly of King Henry VIII School, Coventry.

Hughes Hall: Elected into a Fellowship in Class. A from May 14: Kinsten Suzanne

Elected into a Research Fellowship from October 1: Karl Prederic Macdorman

Appointment Mr Bob Hazzis to be Governor of

Anguilla in succession to Mr Alan-Hoole, who is leaving the Dip-lomatic Service. Mr Harris has been Acting Governor since Mr Hoole's departure from Anguilla

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.G.N. Meynell and Miss N.O.St.C. King

ADRIAN SHERATI

The engagement is announced between Hugo, elder son of the late Mr Nicholas Meynell, of Hoar Cross, Staffordshire, and of the Hon Mrs Alexandra Meynell, of East Knoyle, Wiltshire, and Natasha, younger daughter of the late Mr Timothy King and of Mrs Marion King, of Melrose,

Roxburghshire. Mr D.A. Ashford and Miss K.M.A. Norris

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Carl Ashford, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Ratherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Norris, of

Mr T.J. Bianck and Dr E.J. Houldsworth The engagement is announced between Timothy, second son of Mr and Mrs Marian Bianek; of Herongate, Essex, and Elizabeth,

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Houldsworth, of Hucknall, Mr S.M. Bellywe and Miss J.C. Gillaus

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Bullivant, of Hey Farm, Winsham, Somerset, and Jane daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Gillam, of Highgate Village, London.

Mr W.D. Guaston and Miss C.L. Robbins The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Gunston, of Singapore, and Claire, second daughter of Mr John Robbins, of Horsied Keynes, West Sussex, and Mrs. Carol. Robbins, of Birch. Grove, West Sussex.

Mr.A.J. Hammond and Miss C.D.M. Russell The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hammond, of Bingham, Nothinghamshire, and Caroline (Caro), younger daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs. Lawrence Russell, of Kemberton,

Mr LA Hérow Mr J.A. Heroys
and Miss K.J. Haline
The engagement is amnounced
between James, son of LieutenantColonel Alexander Heroys reid
and Mrs Heroys, of Enford, Wilsshire, and Katherine, (Kate,
danginer of Mr and Mrs Tim
Halton, of Hambledon, Surrey.

Mr M.R.W. Landless and Miss C.B. Fowler-Colling The engagement is assounced between Mark, elden con of Mrs Ann Landless, of the Wirtal, and Mr fan Landiess, of Surrey, and Mr and Mrs David Flariey, of

Cantala J.G. Proud captain J.t. Proses and Miss & L. Carroll The engagement is announced fire marriage took place on Thursbetween Captain Pulses Provided May May 29, 1997, at Chelses Kings Own Royal Action Regiment, edges out of Marriago Bellitt and Amy Carroll. The cere-room was followed by a luncheon monw was followed by a luncheon

and Miss S.R. Scriven The engagement is announced between Sebastian, third son of Mr and Mrs Peter Davey, of Crucorney, Gwent, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Scriven, of Groton, Suffolk

Mr B.J.P. Morton and Miss J.C. Green The engagement is announced between Ben, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Moreton of Checkendon, Oxfordshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nick Green, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr R.I.R. Paton and Miss S.A. O'Shea The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr Frank Paton, and of Mrs Paion, of Enmore, Somerset, and Samantha, younger daughter of the late Mr Timothy O'Shea, and of Mrs O'Shea, of Truro,

Mr E.A.P. Sells and Miss K.I. Hatch The engagement is announced between Andrew Sells, of Sopwarth, Wiltshire and London, and Kate Hatch, also of London.

Cornwall.

Mir M.W.E. Sadl and Miss SJ. Sills The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Snell, of

Hove, East Sussex, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr Michael Sills, of Brussels, and Mrs Jacqueline Weston, of Wimbledon. Major J.C.B. Whitware and Mins V.C. Combe

The engagement is announced between Major John Whitwam, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Whitwam, of Earley, Berkshire, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Combe, of East Molesey, Surrey. Mr P.D Wilson

mir P.D Wilson
and Min M.L. McLean
The engagement is announced
between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey: Wilson, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John G. McLean, of Bearsden.

Marriages

Lord Norrie and Mrs A. McCaffry The marriage took place quietly, in London, on Thursday, May 29, 1997, between Lord Norrie, of Dolphin Squire, Lordon, SWI, and Mrs Annie McCaliry, of Ramsbury, Witshire.
Mr W. Hanbury Tenison and Miss M. Chol

The Nuptiel Mass for Mina Chol and William Hanbury Tenson was celebrated by Father C. Cunningham, at St Etheldreda's, Ely Piace, on Rriday, May 23, 1997. Mr P.C.F. Petit

Buckinghamsbire, and Gillian, in the library of the Oriental Club, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. A reception was held in the G.W. Taylor, of Ushiaw Moor, Co. evening on board the Silver Durham. Dolphin.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS Sir Roger Newthcate, antiquary, Arbury, Warwickshire, 1719; Alfred Austin, Poet Laurease 1896-1913. Leeds, 1835; Peter Cart Faberge, goldsmith, St Petersburg, 1846: Benny Goodman, davinet-tist, Chicago, 1909. DEATHS: St Joan of Arc, burnt at

the stake, Rouen, 1431; Christopher Marlowe, playwright, London, 1593; Sir Peter Paul Rubens, painter, Antwerp, 1640; Alexander Pope, poet, London, 1744; Voltaire, author and philosopher, Paris, 1278; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1912; Her-

mann Broch, writer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1951; Boris Pasternak, novelist, Nobel Jaureate 1958, Peredelkino, Russia, 1960; Roy Piomicy, creator of Desert Island Jane Seymour became Henry VIII's third wife, 1536. The Grenadier Guarda were broned 1656.

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ALBON - On 24th May, at home, to Rachel (nee Harland) and Mark, a BLACKETT - On 23rd May, 1997, to Sheri (née Fuller) and Jamie, a daughter.

FANTETTI - On May 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Amba Maria and Portsal, a daughter, Caterina Maria Toodom

GOATLEY - On May 22nd 1997 Hospital, to Corinne (new Grainger) and Seumus, a beautiful daughter. Tara beautiful daughter, Taza, i 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Marie and Hedley, a son, Pierce

Ventura, California, to Dorcas (née Young) and Charles, a son, Dominic

MILER - On 7th May 1997, to Dale (aée Williams) and Paul, a wonderful son, David William Lloyd, With thanks to staff at 52 George's Hospital, Tooting. Hospital, Tooting.

MORTUM: - On Thursday 15th

May, to Sanah (née Bentley)

and Nedl, a son, Jacob Nedl.

MUMMERT - On 23rd May, to

Estrina (née McGroarty) and
Piers, a son, Sanauel

Alexander.

POTION NO. 127 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Heather and Charles, a daughter Savannah daughter, Savennah Alexandra, a sister for Charles Jasper.

MAWAZ - On May 26th at The
Portland Hospital, to Priti
and Omar, a daughter, Tanta.

RAMPLEY - On May 26th at the
Hospital of St John and St
Hitzbeth, to Michale (née
Harrison) and Keith, a son,
Calium James. RATER - On 28th May, to Lucy (mic Bever) and Adam, a sen, William Jardine Hearne, a brother for Ben and Unries.

(née Smailes) and Roy, daughter, Bannah Alice. SWAN - On May 25th at Market General Respital, to Rebecca (note Young) and Jonathan, a son, Jurelly Stuart, a brother for Jack. WATSOM - To John and hebeca = 12 hears on 20th May, a son, Jacob, Both well With thanks to Marianne and staff at Ninewells Bospital, Dunder.

ANNIVERSARIES

THURSHARKER - Jock an Effect on 30th May 1947 at the Roman Catholic Marienkirche, Hamburg. Congratulations from all the

DEATHS

BARTON - Bris. Bishmond Bookseller died on 21st May 1997. Hesband of Urbs. and father of Hugo, Toby and the late Lim. MAN - Prize of Pesso of 23rd May 1997. Beloved husband of Rita. Service at Chilterns Crematorium,

Chilterns Crematorian, Amerikam, on Thursday 5th June 1997 at 2:30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired. All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., tel: (01494) 672668. CWMAN - Gladys on 23rd May 1997, widow of Harry and mother of Geoffrey.

Brian and Richard. Service at
St Nicholas, Fortishead (by
Fedden Village) at 2 pm on
Princy 6th Jame. No flowers
but department of Richolas

Church.

SOWN - On May 26th 1997,
William Burgess Gwyn of
Carse Abbas, aged 83 years.
Dearly loved husband and
father. Service of
Thanksgiving at St Many's
Church, Cerne Abbas, on
Tuesday June 3rd at 3.30 pm.
Donntions in lieu of flowers
may be sent for Sue Ryder
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Foundation Service, 16, Princes
Street, Dorchestar, Dorset.
Tel: (01305) 262338.

DEATHS MAINLES - Dissa 275

MARIES - Dissa Zirabeth safity passed away at Seech Court Nursing Home, lynaham, on May 27th 1997, after fighting cancer. Yesy leach baved by all her leastly and many friends. Private cremation at Oxford Crematorium on June 5th 1997 at 130 pm, followed by Remembrance Service at 5t Mary's Church, North Leigh, Witney, Oxon. at 230pm. Resily Howers only please and dozentom to the landstate of Cancer Research (10 Fisher & Townsend c/o Fisher & Townsend Street, Witney, Oxon. OXS 6LY, tel: (01993) 702675.

FARRARM - Richard Andrew
(Andy) of Breadstone,
Berkaley, Gloucestershira.
Dearly loved husband of
Alixa much loved father of
Alixa and Enery. Peacefully
on May 27th aged 53 years.
The Funeral Service will be
held at St Cyrs Church,
Sthachrumbe, on Wednesday
June 4th at 2 ym. Family
flowers only by request,
donations in lieu to the
Camour Besearch Campaign
may be sent c'o Alien-White
Funeral Directors, Kings
Stanley, Stonehouse,
Gloucestershire.

FAUNCIER CORRECT - Phyllis Mardel (note Brumfit). Much beloved widow of Peter, sixter to Diana, mother to John, David, Robin and Fillin, grandmother to her eleven grandchildren, and friend of many, Pencafully at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmonth on Tuesday 27th May 1997. Funeral at St. Thomas a Becket's, Warblington on Fricky 6th June 1997 at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but domations if desired to St. Mary's Cardiac Care and Research Fund, c/o W. Waight and Son, Funeral Directors, Emsworth 2010

died peacefully on Wednesday 21st May at Gay's Hospital in his 76th year. Estired Metropolitan Folice Officer Traffic Division (TDM 121) 1947-1950 award with the 9th 12th Royal Lancers 1938-1946. Manufer Dunates Weterans Association London, Standard Bearer, Secretary and Editor for the Skican Branch. Member of the Royal Entitled Legion, Editor Instantial Contest of the Royal Entitled Sciences Society and Macraillan Cross Issued Macrai

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PORD - Dephma Irane, 00 23rd May in Cheisen and Westminster Hospital, Much loved sister, auni aud friend who will be desply missed. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 4th June at 2.30 pm. Funeral Directors J H Kamyos, 74 Eochester Row, London SWIP 110, tek (0171) 834-4624.

FRADD - Frederick Renald (Ron) suddenly but peacefully at home on Wednerder May 28th in his Sist year. Hashend of Beryl, father of Chre, Dale and Simon. Grandfuther to Katerina, Rupert, Folly, Adam and Toby. Funeral Service at St Sutthelousew's Chunch, Otford, at 230 pm Tuseday June 10th Rently flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation or New Masonic

MANUE - On May 23rd 1997, Design, of Tombridge, Kent, the much loved broshend of Wendy, dear father and father-in-law of Jounthan and Kanan, kered and leving grandfather of Amelia and Alexander.

PUSON - On May 26th suddenly Robin Michael Ivison FCA FTII aged 67. Past President of the Institute of Taration and Vice Chairman of The Yanghan Williams Society, father of Rosslind, Funeral Service at St John's, Church Row, Hampstend, at 2 pm on Tuesday 3rd June. Family Rowers only. Doustions if desired to The Yanghan Williams Society.

LINEMAN - Lawrence Jordan
Lineham died at
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Telephoner (01425) 476231 SECCARTHY - Damiel (Donal) John of Seathouras, Suffolk, on May 28th after a stanks. Private commettion, Messorius Service to be announced at a

Motres - Penelope Am Domnithona) on May 27th at Sertan Pelop. Carles after a long Diness. Loving mother of Claudia and George and geneinacther of Sophie and Jamia, Peneral St. Peter's Church, Salery, on Thunday 5th June at 11 am. Pamily flowers only. Lender, the Jamia of Sons, 1 New Panda, High Street, Selsey PC20 Oca. MOTHERMAL - Donald loseph, beloved bushamid of jense, hands loved father of jorns, Gillian and Peter and special grandfather to his six considebildren, meanfully at

guandchildren, pescululty at home on May 23rd after a loog 1936s. Februar hundly counciles and a Service of Translagering for its bits at St Columba's Church of Section S. Cathren of Section Section Street, London, on Monday July 7th at 11.50 am to which all as welcome. No Howers plants but domitions, if diethed, to Pulmons Alley Ropping, West End Line, Ether KT10 85A.

PACK - On May 28th peacefully at home in Winchester, Gooff and 39. Editor of Tachting Monthly. Beloved husband of Lou Lou and dear father of Chiver, Claudia, Theo and Tilly, Funeral, Service at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday june 2nd at 330 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care of Jao. Steal & Son, Chenil House, Winchester 3023 OHU. A Memorial Service in London will be amounted later. RICKFORD - Lionel ("Kim") born lst June 1914, died on Friday 23nd May aged 82. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium, Sussex, Thunday 5th June 240 pm. Tek (0171) 394-1889.

STEMES - Marion, widow of Dallas, on Mry 26th, aged 87 peacefully in the John Inditific Hospital after a short Illness borne with characteristic fortitude. A very dearly loved our very dearly loved control figure to her family who will be greatly missed. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Sunningwell, on Wednesday June 4th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations welcomed for the RSEC to Edward Carter Peneral Directors, 107 South Avence, Abingdon, 0X14 1QS.

SVETT - Jone Barbara of Treffos, Reynoldston, Swamsen Saddenly on May 24th Loving with of Phil, baleved other of Barbard Tradi and Pippa and grandmother of Siem, Jenny, the California, Rhimmon and Tark and the second Siem Second MALKER - Shelly May died MALIER - Shelh Mary died peacefully at home May 27th 1997, Funest Tundey June 3rd 3 pm at St May's Church, Burphan. No flowers, donations to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chickenty.

sleep at Mount Edgesumbe Hospice on May 28th, Diana Mary aged 77 years, loved mother of David and Sylvia mother of David and Sylvia.

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Alison Adburgham journalist and social historian, died on May 23 aged 85. She was born on January 28, 1912.

t was fashion's "aura of. the irrational", itsness which delighted Alison Adburgham, Her quick pen skewered the vanities and insanities of her age. As fash-ion editor of The Guardian for twenty years she travelled from New York to Copenhagen, from Rome to Capri, in what she was to describe as a hallucinatory world of ballyhoo and baloney, scotch on the rocks and caviar titbits, champagne and conturier's kisses."
Fashion in those days was a

major commercial event. The parties were endless: Ascher at the Crillon on the Sunday before the shows started: Helena Rubinstein in her millionaire's apartment on the Ile de la Cité: Pierre Cardin, "disturbingly handsome; giving diners intimes to at least 100 intimates; and Dior gatherings in candlelit wings of Versailles. But, throughout, Adburgham kept a keen eye open. She remained always

Unlike the usually myopic writers in her field, she was also versed in the history of her subject. In her articles she set each collection in a long. perspective, yet pinned it preely to its season by deftly nodish adjectives.

In later years Adburgham

ALISON ADBURGHAM

seemed to sense, however, that people, no longer wanted to hear about fashion in its wider context. "They don't want to know about what's in the air, but what's in the shops — in their size, at a price they can pay, she said. Helping people shop might have been a useful service, but it was simply a merchandising job, not an art. On retiring from The Guardian in 1973 she wrote "I look look with restriction to the control of back with nostalgia to the time when there were no sessions with model girls, no pictures and captions, the time when I just wrote what was in my

Alison Haig (as she was before her marriage) was not born into the dizzy world of fashion. Her father was a doctor in Yeovil, Somerset Her mother, who had been one of the first women to take a . degree at Aberdeen University, was a rather distant figure who exercised her considerable intellect mainly in playing Bridge, Alison was taught at home until the age of 12 by a governess whom she shared with a neighbour's daughter. She then won a: scholarship to Roedean...

Her family were not wealthy and after leaving school Alison had to find a job. She had a flair for writing and put this takent to use by taking a job as an advertising copy-writer, work for which her needle-sharp wit and steely observation were well suited. In the 1930s, however, she met not discussed, much to and married a fellow copy- Adburgham's relief. "I should

writer and retreated into domesticity to look after her growing family.

It was only at the end of the Second World War that Adburgham began to write again, this time for Punch, a magazine which prided itself on recording the changing face of English society, largely through its eniphasis of the hudicrous and the trivial. The book which Adburgham later published, The Punch History of Manners and Modes (1961). out the frivolities of the years 1841-1939 concisely and sympathetically in their content.
Her deft selection of material showed how the moral, political, social and economic condition of society was neatly reflected by rise and fall of the hair, hem-line and bosom or the fluctuations of curiew time for young ladies soldiering home from a ball.

Adburgham daringly dis-patched a letter to A.P., Wadsworth, Editor of the Manchester Guardian, sugsting that she should begin a fortnightly fashion column. At that time there were none of the fashion or style pages so familiar in modern broadsheets and in a stern interview Wadsworth gave the impression that such frivolities were corrupting. However, he accepted her proposal, though with the strict injunction that no trade names were to be mentioned. Photographs were

After a year with Punch,

about getting them." she later It was left to her wittily

descriptive pen to capture such moments as that in which the Duke of Bedford alighted from a helicopter on the lawn of Woburn Abbey in the com-pany of Madame Mag Cornou, a 60-inch hip model from Paris, dressed in pink petalled nylon like a gorgeous peony". She was the president of the Club Sympatique des Femmes Fortes de Paris and had come to attend a luncheon and outsine fashion show given in the Woburn sculpture gallery for Landon's Large Girl Chib. Nor were there pictures, Adburgham later recalled, to show "Mary Quant's rococo bosoms in all their asymmetrical hilarity", or Lady Docker's motor car with zebra upholstery, "because she considered mink too hot to sit on". It was to be several years before Frank Martin was em-

in 1964 Adburgham published Shops and Shopping, a book whose discreet title masked considerable scholarship. Covering the period from 1800 to the beginning of the First World War, it touched on everything from free trade to the emancipation of women, from the expansion of London to the evolution of advertising. Adburgham brought her account alive with quaint detail and oral history: the Burlington Arcade was started as "a

ployed as a fashion photogra-

piazza for all hardware, wear ing apparel and articles not offensive in appearance nor smell; "Dear me" said an Edwardian beauty, mystified by the modern use of deodorants, "the gentlemen used to like what we called a houquet

But beyond her formidable knowledge of the world of fashion, Adburgham had another serious interest. After retiring from The Guardian in 1973 she wrote Women in Print (1974) — what she mod-estly described as "an initial rescue work"-a history of the pre-Victorian women who had earned their living by writing for the press. In later years she retired to live in Little Petherick in north

Cornwall. There she indulged herself in her favourite pastime, reading. She began research on another book about silver fork" fiction - louche novels published at the end of the 19th century which explored the pretensions of those who aspired to the fashionable world. They were called "silver fork" after the affectation of those who insisted on using special silver cuttery to eat fish. In 1983 she published Silver Fork Society, a study of these almost forgotten novelists. She also wrote A Radical Aristocrat (1990), a biography of Sir William Molesw 19th-century Cabinet Minister.

Adburgham's marriage was dissolved. She is survived by two sons and two daughters.



KLAUS VON BISMARCK

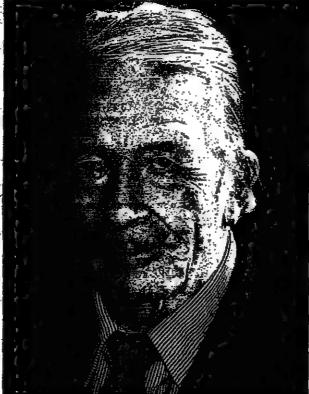
Klaus von Bismarck, former head of. Westdeutsche Rundfunk and President of the Goethe Institute, died on May 22 aged 85. He was born on March 6, 1912.

IN A notable career of German public service, Klaus von lismarck showed how a traditional Prussian belief in honour and duty may be combined with a strong sense. of liberalism and independence. Whether as head of his country's biggest broadcaster. Westdeutsche Rundfunk (WDR) in Cologne, or as president of the Goethe Institute, Germany's equivalent of the British Council, he showed a resolute tolerance and a determination to resist political interference from whatever direction it might come.

Klaus Hans Herbert von Bismarck was a great-great nephew of the Iron Chancellor, Otto von Bismarck. He was born in Pomerania, and grew up there on the family estates of Jarchlin and Kniephof which are now in Poland.

After studying estate management and enrolling as an officer in the reserve, he served during the Second World War with distinction in Russia. Poland and France, winning the Knight's Cross with Oak Leaves as commander of the

irtnership



4th Infantry Regiment. Like many other members of the Prussian officer class. brought up in a remote tradition of patriotism and conservatism that was poor preparation for the grubby

imperatives of politics, let alone the vicious brutalities of a criminal regime, Bismarck had believed that it was nossible for a soldier to serve with honour a dishonourable

cause. Unlike many others,

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ever, he came to admit that this belief had been mistaken, and later regarded his lack of resistance to the Nazis as a source of shame. His wife's sister had been the fiancée of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran pastor who played a leading role in the opposition to Hitler until his execution in April 1945.

The values of Protestant Christianity had always been strong in Bismarck's family, and after the war he devoted himself to youth and social work on behalf of the Church. At the Viotho youth centre. which he founded and which became an important focus of in northern Germany, he encouraged cooperation between groups of varying religious and political affiliations. In 1949 he became head of the social work department of the Protestant Church

in Westphalia; with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Essen, he embarked on a joint initiative dedicated to the welfare of local miners. His involvement in Church affairs culminated in his presidency of the German Protestant Church Congress, 1977-79. He was for several years a member of the Central Committee the World Council of Churches

When the political map of Europe was redrawn after the Bismarck had refused to

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join those members of his class - and of his own family - who demanded the restoration of property and lands expropriated by the new regimes of East Germany or Poland. Instead he made reconciliation his priority, and the forging of closer links with the socialist countries of eastern Europe was to be a feature of his work both at WDR and the Goeine institute.

He was appointed head of WDR, responsible for broadcasting to the most densely populated state of the Federal Republic, in December 1960. Although his candidacy had the backing of a conservative quickly showed his determination to maintain editorial independence at all costs and to allow free expression to the widest possible spectrum of opinion. Reappointed for two further

terms in 1965 and 1971, he helped to establish WDR as one of Germany's most important artistic and intellectual forums. Music, in particular. was able to thrive under his direction. WDR's contemporary music series, Musik der Zeit, broadcast premieres of major works by such composers as Karlheinz Stockhausen. György Ligeti and Mauricio Kagel, while Bismarck's interest in eastern Europe encouraged spectacular performances of sacred works by Krzysztof Penderecki in the cathedrals of Münster and Cologne.

In 1977 he became presiden of the Goethe Institute, dedicated "to the cultivation of the German language abroad for the promotion of international cultural collaboration". Here. once more, he used his considerable diplomatic skills to resist any political pressures that might be brought to bear; the institute, he insisted, must aim to give foreigners the broadest possible picture of German culture, rather than simply following some government line.

His period in office (twice extended, in 1981 and 1985) saw increased cultural co-operation with eastern Europe, and branches of the institute were opened in Romania and Hungary.

Klaus von Bismarck married Ruth-Alice von Wedemeyer in 1939. They had seven sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR PETER ROWE

Peter Rowe, Professor of Soil Mechanics at Manchester University 1963-82, died in Kendal Cumbria, on April 28 aged 74. He was born in Bath on July 2, 1922.

ONE of Britain's most distinguished civil engineers, Peter Rowe acted as the geotechnical consultant on numerous construction projects throughout the world, ranging from oil platforms, through reservoirs to giant tidal barriers. His expertise on the composition types of soil under a wide variety of conditions was sought from The Netherlands to Bangladesh and Hong Kong, as well as in the high Arctic.

He was geotechnical consul-

tant to two large British reservoirs, the Derwent Derbyshire (1956-66) and the Kielder in the shadow of the Cheviots (1972-82). Among the nuclear power stations for whose foundations he was consultant were the Oldbury and the Torness. He was called in to advise on the siting of the huge closure barrier which dams the tidal waters of the Onsterschelde in Holland. In a completely different sphere he advised on the foundations for 180,000-ton grain silos on a young coral reef in Saudia Arabia, and was closely involved in pre-

venting the sinking of Venice. in addition, his knowledge of soil mechanics made him a natural choice as an expert investigator into the causes of sudden subsidences and sinkages of structures, all over the world. He often appeared as an expert witness in litigation associated with such DODUTENES:

Peter Walter Rowe was educated at Bristol Grammar School, from where he won a scholarship to the University of Bristol where he took a first in Civil Engineering. It was the middle of the war and he next joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough where he spent two years and wrote two papers on his work there.

The next two years were with Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons, the only period during his long career when he did

not publish any papers. He then decided to take up teaching and in 1947 moved to St Andrews University, where he took his PhD in 1950. In 1952 he left to become a lecturer at Manchester University where

he took a DSc in 1956 and was

made Professor of Soil Me-

chanics in 1963. While at St Andrews he had become interested in retaining walls and, in particular, anchored sheet pile walls. This interest in earth pressures continued at Manchester, and from 1949 to 1961 he produced subject, some of which were published in the Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers. The first paper. Anchored sheet-pile walls. published in 1952, was awarded a Telford Premium by the Institution of Civil Engineers, and Karl Terzaghi based his own important paper Anchored bulkheads on Rowe's

flexibility concepts. Later, Rowe turned his attention to stress dilatory concepts. This proved to be a controversial area of his work which stimulated much thought and discussion in the profession and culminated in papers to the Royal Society. In 1972 he presented the 12th Rankine lecture to the British Geotechnical Society, his subject being The relevance of soil

practice. This paper, which followed years of research at Manchester, was universally accepted as being a milestone in the development of geotechnical engineering.

This academic career went hand in hand with an increasingly busy life as a consultant from 1956 onwards; besides acting as an investigator Rowe was called as an expert witness in more than thirty cases of litigation over 40 years. In all this time he was much in demand as a lecturer in Europe, America and the Far from engineering institutions all over the world. He published a hundred papers, some of which have been used in the preparation of text books and codes of practice on site investigation, earthworks and sheet piling.

Rowe was a warm, modest man and a generous host who had a perceptive mind and an endless capacity for hard work. He loved the countryside and spent many happy hours with his family in the Lake District. He was passionately fond of music and in his earlier days, played the violin in the Dundee String Orchestra.

He is survived by his wife Ann, a son and daughter, and by the three daughters of his first marriage to Dorothy Watson Bracewell.

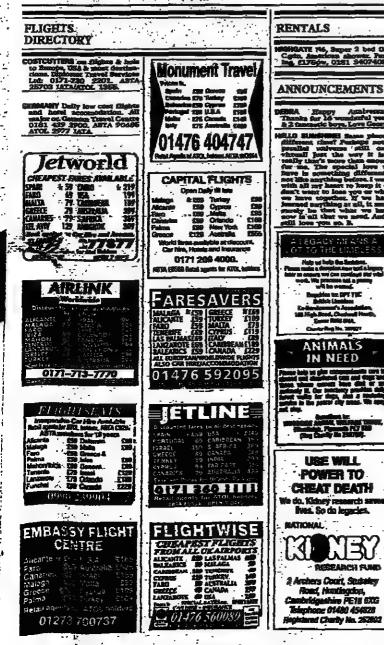


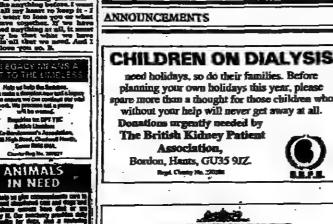
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MANCHESTER UNITED MAKE HISTORY By JAKE ECCLESTONE

Manchester United added a new chapter to the history of football at Wembley Stadium last night, bearing Benfice, the champions of Portugal, 4-l after extra time in the final of the European Cup — the first English club to win this great trophy

tely, it was Bobby Charlton, for so Appropriately, It was noted channel, as so long the idol of football fans everywhere, who made two of the decisive strikes. Ten years after surviving the Munich air crash, which destroyed the "Busby Babes". Chariton and Matt Busby, United's manager, have reached the one stringer of European football which the one pinnacle of European football which ad always cluded them.

And how firing, too, that this memorable

triumph should go now to a club which has done so much for the game England first gave The match was watched by a crowd of 100,000 - 10,000 of them from Portugal - and

en estimated 250 million television viewers throughout Europe, the higgest televisi nce since the World Cup final of two years ago at this same stadium The great bowl is silent and dark, as I write, but echoing yet to the singing of tens of

ON THIS DAY

May 30, 1968

To Celtic fell the honour of being the first British club to win the European Cup, beating Internazionale Milan in 1967. This match was in extra time: United's goals came from Best, Kidd and Charlton (twice).

nds of Mancanians. Manchester United now move on to yet another challenge — the World Cup championship against the Argentines of Estudiantes. This next hurdle was where Celtic, of Scotland, fell last year after winning the European Cup in Lisbon. Matt Bushy, United's manager through all their moments of triumph and tragedy for more than 20 years, was understan moved and jubilant after the match.

They've done us proud," he said. "They cause back with all their hearts to show everyone what Manchester United are made of. This is the most wonderful thing that has happened in my life, and I am the proudest

man in England tonight. The European Cup has been the ambition of everyone in the club, and now we have it at last."

Suggestions that he might now think of retiring brought a quick, happy answer: "I'm staying where I am until people get fed up with me or until I feel I have got beyond it.

The Benlica manager, Ono Gloria, was glum, not to say sombre, but he was quick to pay tribute to Manchester: The title is in very, very good hands with Manchester United. They are a very good club indeed, very strong, although it was a big advantage for them to

He added cryptically: "Some of the players, like Torres and Coluna, felt difficulty early on hecause of the shocks, and couldn't produce the good football that they can play in better conditions — presumably a reference to the

many fouls in the first half. The Manchester United players were bubbling, laughing and joking among one another - Stiles, toothless and face split by a huge grin; Charlton, stripped to the waist, his lined

face lie up with happiness. Charlton's first remark was typical of his thoughtfulness: "It's a funny game, isn't it? You learn something every day. I thought I'd missed that first goal Then they came back, but everybody picked

NEWS

Clinton and Blair hail new era

President Clinton told the IRA to lay down their guns as he and Tony Blair put moves to win peace in Northern Ireland alongside the worldwide creation of employment at the heart of a new Anglo-American partnership.

On a day of serious talking, socialising and displays of mutual admiration, the two hailed "a new generation of politics and a new generation of leadership"Page 1

Kohl clash with bank widens

■ European economic and monetary union's future was in the balance as the dispute between Helmut Kohl's Government and the Bundesbank seemed to intensify. Although the European Commission insists moves towards a single currency continue on schedule, bankers and politicians are increasingly sceptical that the timetable can be met....Page I

Silicone safety

The Government ordered a review of silicone breast and lip implants or injections after hearing evidence that leakage could cause serious illness Page 5

£16m enamels

A collection of medieval enamels. arguably the finest in private hands, is coming on to the market and could fetch more than Elo million Page 5

Hague support

William Hague received a welcome boost to his flagging leadership campaign when Michael Ancram, the former Northern Ireland Minister, pledged support.

Tory break

The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party split widened when a senior Tory proposed a new Tory party in Scotland to be led by Malcolm Rifkind ... Page 6

Education team

The Government today announces a task force to raise school standards that will be chaired by David Blunkett, with Cluris Woodhead and Professor Tim Brighouse as his Page 8 deputies

Sheepdogs III-treated A top British sheepdog trialist

was found guilty of ill-treating five of his collies, three of which were in such a bad state that they had to be put down......Page 9

Lottery delay

The chairman of Camelot, the National Lottery operator, was forced to delay a showdown meeting with the Government over executive pay rises. He is abroad for another company Page H

Saudi visit

The families of two British nurses being tried for murder in Saudi Arabia fly there today knowing the victim's family is still insisting the couple should be executed if convicted.

Chirac blessing

President Chirac has given his implicit blessing to an alliance between Philippe Seguin and Alain Madelin that may be the Centre-Right's last hope of retaining its ruling majority Page 14

Taleban casualties

Afghan opposition forces loyal to Ahmad Shah Masood seized two areas in a pre-dawn surprise attack against the Taleban militia north of Kabul, inflicting dozens of casualties.... ... Page 15

Nato pledge

Eleven countries which have applied to join Nato have voluntarily agreed not to block any nation from becoming members of the . Page 16 alliance.

McVeigh trial

Lawyers for Timothy McVeigh rested their case in the Oklahoma City bombing trial after a startlingly brief defence...... Page 17

Slimming pills blamed for thefts

A TSB bank clerk of "impeccable" chara £2,300 while on slimming pills escaped jail after Judge Stephen Lloyd criticised the pressures on women to stay thin. Tania Kilford, 31, of Portslade, near Brighton, said her behaviour was altered by side effects from slimming tablets that she had taken while suffering post-natal depression.



Fossilised bones and teeth found in Spain have led to the identification of a human species that lived 800,000 years ago. Page 10

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Property: Heron International launched a £100 million speculative office development programme in the City... Page 25

Eurotunnel: Eurotunnel is expecting to pay dividends from 2006 onwards as part of its finally published £4.4 billion financial restructuring plan Last flight: The final whole aircraft

to be produced in Scotland will roll out of British Aerospace's Prestwick factory by the year's end as the company ceases production of the Jetstream 41 ...

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 5.2 points to close at 4672.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.0 to 99.1 after a rise from DM2.7790 to DM2.7827 and from __Page 28 \$1.6378 \$1.6398

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Cricket: The England selectors will pick a team for the first Test match against Australia with only the faintest idea of how the Edgbaston pitch might perform Page 48

Footbalk Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, has asked the Premier League to put back the Premiership programme from Saturday to Sunday after midweek international ____ Page 48 matches.

Tennis: Martina Hingis, the world No I, fought back from a set down and 3-4 to defeat Gloria Pizzichini in the second round of the French Open women's singles..... Page 48 Rugby union: England have included six new caps in their team to play Argentina. Biggest surprise is the inclusion of Martin Corry, the

Bristol flanker...

Morris and Allegro: The American choreographer Mark Morris Is 6nally bringing his acclaimed work. L'Allegro to London, in collaboration with English National ..Page 33

Box and Jimi: David Sinclair on the week's top albums, beginning with Ben Harper's thrilling Jimi Hendrix-style back-to-the-roots spirituality, with a hard rock edge Page 34

Boys v girls: From Sean Magnire, who hasn't made it big, to Gary Barlow, who has, boy-pop is struggling to hold back the Spice Girls ___Page 35

Moonlit magic: Rachel Kavanaugh brings A Midsummer Night's Dream to the Open Air theatre in Regent's Park.....

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Musical chair: Michael Kamen, the US composer of film scores such 28 101 Dalmatians and Die Hard, plans to set up a foundation so that cash-strapped British schools can buy and repair instruments for pu-

porcelain that Bonn smashed. However clever the gold-trick may be, it is not a brilliant mangenvre. The disdain with which other EU partners were treated due to their manipulation is now coming back. to hit the Germans. The coalition has won the money but gambled away the trust !-

TALESTINGS

Preview: The wild west comes to 19th-century Wales. Drovers' Gold (BBCI, 9.30pm). Review: Matthew Bond says a mixed farewell to

STATE OPINION

Curse of Maastricht

German doubters have been reluctant to speak out against EMU for fear of being stigmatised as anti-European; but now they can take up arms in the name of the Bundesbank, their most respected national

Canary in the mine

Some could see in the Government's treatment of the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, as in its handling of Eddie George, a process close to constructive dismissal ...

Vanity publishing

Great unreadables make far better fashion accessories than scarves or ties. They are works of intellect as well as vanity

JOHN LLOYD

In the devilish details of this summer's marching season in Northern Ireland, Labour's intent and resolve may become manifest. In making clear the terms under which it will permit marches or the reasons why it will ben them, it will reveal the drift of its policy. The sublishing steeple of Drumeree charch pokes its way into British ____Page 20 politics once more.....

MATTHEW PARRIS

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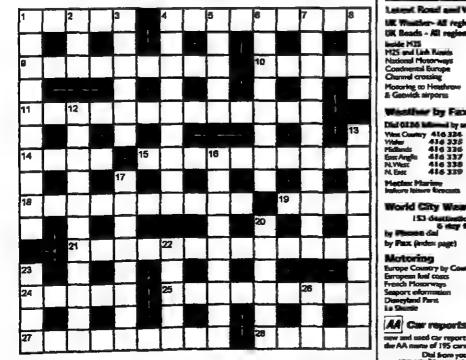
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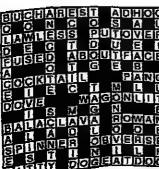
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- comeback after cue in show 14 People giving king honour (4).
- 15 Gain grades in order to increase in importance (10).
- 18 Don't read enough to act as replacement (10). 19 Car takes road in reverse (4).
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- this? (5). 25 Loved one at home gets bouquet
- sent over with thanks (9). Solution to Puzzle No 20,492



- than expected at first (9). 28 Though English people indicate displeasure, their leaders appear

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- hear (3).
- 3 Henry enters quickly he's a violent man (6). 4 Salutation Galahad, for one
- 5 Piece taken in gambit, chess-
- players complain (5). 6 Compulsive complaints about
- change (8). 7 Dead even. I insist on revision (11).

8 Song of joy (4).

- 12 Choir ceased working in place such as York (11). 13 Out-of-date way to cough (10). 16 Twisted and turned - that's
- tautological (9). 17 Literature in Welsh and Italian suppressed by illegal organ-
- 20 For instance, frigate birds seen soaring within Egypt's borders
- 22 Shy female going to fish (5). 23 21's engine (4). 26 A politician's current measure (3).

General: England and Wales should have another fine sunny day. Eastern and southeastern coasts will have a cooling breeze from the sea. freshening the air. Inland, winds will be light and it will be warm or very warm but not too humid.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be largely warm, dry and sunny. The far north of Scotland, particularly the Northern Isles, will have rather more cloud, enough to give the odd spot of chizzle from time to time, panicularly on western coasts and hills.

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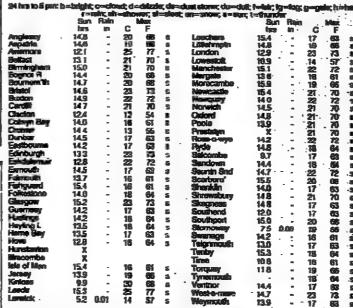
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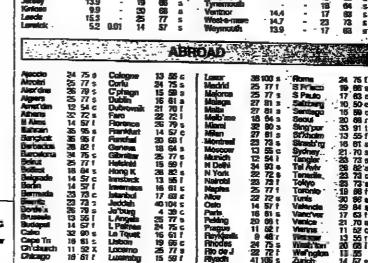
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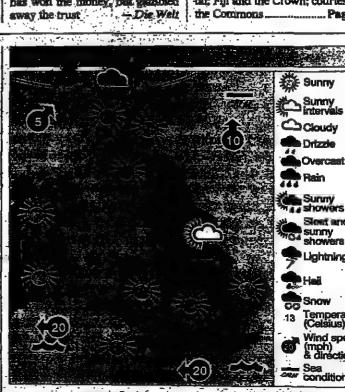
light to moderate, mainly southerly. Max 22C (72F). Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy at first perhaps some drizzle, clearing from the south. Wind southwesterly light to moderate, Mex 15C (59F).

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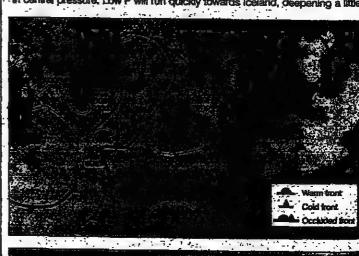


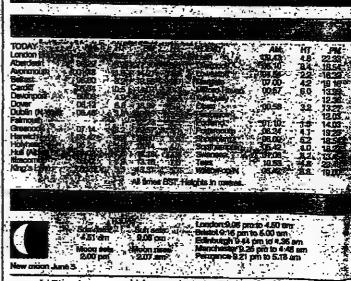






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The difference of opinion between Hans Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank, left, and Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, threatens to undermine EMU

ScotAm wasted £10m on aborted flotation strategy

SCOTTISH AMICABLE, the Stirling-based life company, wasted more than £10 million on its aborted attempts to float earlier this

The figure made up a large part of the £34 million that it. cost for ScotAm to demutualise and ultimately to become part of the Prudential Corporation. The cost was. equivalent to more than £20 for each ScotAm policyholder.

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The money will pay advisers' lees and the costs of mailing 1.1 million policyholders with details of Prudential's offer. Scotam's advisers inCity law firm, and Tillinghast,

the consulting actuary.

The flotation plan would have involved a £400 million. cash injection from Swiss Re. But the plan attracted a deluge of criticism from independent financial advisers and policyholders, who attacked the company's directors for giving themselves the opportunity of earning six-figure salaries while, at the same time, offering policyholders only a few hundred pounds for giving up

ownership of the company.
Under the deal offered by Prudennal, which succeeded in winning ScotAm in a three-

National, ScotAm's with-profits policyholders will get an

average of £1,400. The new deal does not include an expensive directorremuneration package. Instead, ScotAm's II senior executives, including Roy Nicolson, the managing director. will be retained on their existing contracts for six months. If they stay on after that they will be paid a bonus

of three months salary.

If the Prudential deal is accepted by ScotAm's policy-holders the £4 billion withprofits fund will be closed. The money from new policies sold

Managers (PPM), leaving a question mark over the future of Scottish Amicable Investment Management (SAIM).

As well as managing ScotAm's money, SAIM. which employs 150 staff, is also responsible for managing 59 billion on behalf of other

Prudential's offer will be put to ScotAm's policyholders at a special general meeting on June 27. If agreed, the deal should be completed in September.

The £1,400 windfall will be paid to ScotAm policyholders in a mixture of cash and

get £250 in cash. Even those who took out policies as late as May 28 will get the £250. Some policyholders will also

get a variable amount of cash based on the type of policy and the time it has been in force. The additional bonuses include an average of £427 to be added to each policy immediately, in addition to an average of £481 to be included when each policy matures. The amounts actually added will depend again on the length of time that the policy has been in force.

German gold row adds to worries over EMU

BY ALASDAIR MURPAY

row with the Dax 30 closing

economist at Paribas, said:

The markets are confused which could cause some big

swings over the next few days. to the credibility of German fiscal policy, which will place

pressure on German bonds

German Government's deter-

mination to push forward with its revaluation plan against the wishes of Hans Tietmeyer.

president of the Bundesbank,

suggest Bonn is more con-

cerned that the euro starts on time than it is a "hard" curren-

cy. The possible victory of the Socialists in the French election

push for the inclusion of Spain

and Italy in a watered down

moil was likely to cause ster-ling to climb higher, threaten-

ing exports. But the trade

figures released yesterday,

showed the global deficit de-

clining to £671 million in

March, from E771 million the

previous month. The non-EU

deficit in April also improved

to £335 million from £650

million in March after a 16.1

per cent increase in exports. Economists said the strong

export performance in non-

EU countries was helping to

balance flat export growth

with Europe, although the

deficit is expected to widen

over the next few months.

single currency

City economists believe the

and the mark."

up 7.79 points to 3,637.77. Ken Wattret. European

EUROPEAN markets are facng a turbulent week as lears w that the dispute between the Bundesbank and the Gernan Government will under-

nine economic monetary union. The mark endured an unhaven" currencies such as the

dollar, pound and Swiss franc. The dollar gained nearly two plennigs against the mark to hit a day high of DM1.7067. DM2.7790 to DM2.7905.

But the mark recovered after Theo Waigel, German Finance Minister, insisted that he would proceed with the gold revaluation plan and that the single currency would still start on time. The mark clawed back most of its losses against the pound to close at DM2.7827, while rebounding

Herr Waigel also attempted none of the profits from the revaluation would be used to reduce the German Government's budget deficit. But the financial markets remained

of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. Julian Callow, European economist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said: "It is unclear what the Government is doing. If it is not overt trickery then why bother at all. because it will only have a limited impact on the deficit and has been a public relations disaster."

German 10-year bonds also suffered in dealings on the London International Financial Futures Exchange, although trading was thin as analysts attempted to assess the situation. But the Frankfurt stock market ignored the

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is also casting a cloud over the market with Lionel Jospin, the Frent 15-day (Aug) \$19.75 (\$19.40

ondon ciose \$344.55 (\$344.25

United plea

United Utilities made a plea for lenient treatment from the Labour Government yesterday, saying it is already passing privatisation benefits to customers. The combined water and electricity company unveiled muted full-year

Black belts

Siebe, the engineering group, is hoping to save millions of pounds by stepping up its quality control on installations. A team of engineers, to be known as black belts, will descend at the first sign of

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Heron in £100m City development

By CARL MORTISHED

property group run by Gerald Ronson, revived memories of the office property boom of the late Eighties with the launch yesterday of a £100 million speculative office development programme in the City of

Heron has agreed to buy a long leasehold interest in a former bombsite around the new Thameslink station at udgate Circus. The vendor, the City Corporation, has office building near by at 11/13 Holbom Viaduct.

HERON International, the ants for both buildings, which are expected to have a com-bined end value of £100 inillion and will be completed in the autumn of 1999. Mr Ronson, who spent six months in prison after his role in the Guinness financial scandal, said that the two develop-ments reflected the company's long-term confidence in City property. "We are beginning to see increasing demand for prime quality office accommo-dation." he said.

granted permission for Heron The Heron developments to build a five-storey, 100,000 will compete with other major so it office block. Heron has also obtained planning consent in build a new 90,000 sq ft office build a new 90,000 sq ft office build a new 90,000 sq ft office build build a new 90,000 sq ft office build the old Daily Express offices in

Seagram sale fuels talk of merger

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Analysts think Seagram is preparing to expand in the spirits business and is trying to strike a deal with Allied.

The City expects a wave of

consolidations in the wake of the proposed £24 billion

gram is planning a merger with Allied Domecq, the British pubs and drinks group, intensified yesterday after the Canadian spirits and entertainment group boosted its reserves by \$1.4

billion Eric Reguly writes).
Seagram raised the money
by selling 30 million stares of
Time Warner, the media group, to Merrill Lynch, the Wall Street broker. The company retains another 26.8 million Time Warner shares.

BAe grounds Jetstream with loss of 380 jobs

THE last whole aircraft to be produced in Scotland will roll out of British Aerospace's factory in Prestwick, Ayrshire, by the end of the year, when the company plans to cease production of the Jetstream 41 turboprop at a

cost of 380 jobs. More than 1,000 workers remain at the site producing aircraft parts such as the wings of BAe's Avro Regional Jet. The company hopes to find fresh work for Prestwick in the form of contributions to other craft, such as the Nimrod 2000 maritime patrol

There are never guarantees these days, but there is the

By MARTIN WALLER "We see Prestwick continuing to do aerostructure business,

and we intend to put as much

work into there as possible." While there was dejection among the workforce, the City put 26p onto the shares, which closed at £12.51 p. The company is taking a £250 million charge against figures for the first half of 1997, when these are produced in September. after an £80 million tax credit, to pay for the end of production and the associated reorganisation.

The actual cash cost of this will be £220 million, £120 million to be spent by the end of next year. The company reckduced in recent years, and-says profits last year of £425 million before tax would have been £40 million higher had

production ended in 1995. Prestwick opened in 1935, spending much of the war years modifying imported US craft for service. The first craft produced were the postwar Pioneer and Twin Pioneer ranges for the RAF, and the facility has also built the Bulldog two-seater trainer used by the RAF.

The factory is the last one in Scotland making whole aircraft. The Jetstream line was first made by Scottish Avia-tion, Prestwick's former owner, in the early 1970s, the latest, the J4l, started produc-

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merger of Guimess and GrandMet. million for every one of the 30-Fleet Street and the Daily intention to keep Prestwick Heron has yet to find tenseater passenger craft pro-Tinseltown gloom, page 29 Eurotunnel says dividends to be paid from 2006



Dividend news is like a light at the end of the tunnel

EUROTUNNEL is expecting to pay dividends from 2006 onwards as part of its £4.4 billion financial restructuring plan which was finally published yesterday.

The scheme has been approved by Euro-tumel's leading bankers, but goes before shareholders in July with two large groups of French investors saying they will oppose

The debt-ridden Channel Tunnel operator is forecasting that it will actually make a profit by 2005, helped by price increases on Le Shuttle, its freight service.

Patrick Ponsolle, the joint executive chairman, said: "Our customers tell us we provide a premium service, and a premium service deserves a premium price." The Anglo-French company said it will reverse the tide in the price war with

Channel ferries, which tried to undercut Le

Shuttle in 1996 to retain market share. Bill

By OLIVER AUGUST

Dix, the managing director of Le Shuttle, said he had studied the ferry companies' cost structure and is convinced that they cannot maintain current levels. He said: *Our aspirations to win market share are still quite significant."

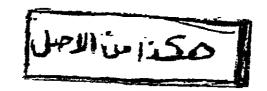
Earnings will be boosted further by an expected drop in operational expenditure as the result of a cost-cutting exercise. Overall the group expects revenue to grow about 35 per cent over the next three years. In 1997, the company expects to make a net loss of Fr2.7 billion. compared with Fr6 billion last year.

Earnings from Le Shuttle will more than double during this period, but only after dropping slightly in 1997 because of first lorries involved in customer trials rolled on to freight shuttles at Folkstone and Calais on Wednesday. The restruc-

turing package has to be approved by shareholders at a meeting on July 10 in Paris and by creditors in the autumn. M Ponsolle said the company faced bankruptcy if the package was rejected. He said: This plan is not an expected. This plan is not perfect, but it is, nevertheless, the best possible one in the circumstances. It is the only solution

At the much-criticised 1994 share issue, the company had forecast that dividend payments would begin in 2003. M Ponsolle emphasised that the new forecast of 2006 was an "upper case scenario". In the "lower case scenario" dividend payments may not begin until 2010. At the end of the restructuring, original shareholders are expected to be left with a

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United Utilities puts case for low windfall tax

UNITED UTILITIES made a has occurred." He hoped atplea for lenient treatment from the new Labour Government yesterday, saying it is already passing privatisation

benefits to customers.
Unveiling muted full-year profits, the combined water and electricity company said £64 million had been returned so far. Customers of its North West Water subsidiary are receiving a rebate of £10 for 1997-98, an increase of 54 per

cent on last year. United has written to Labour to oppose its proposed windfall tax, but has received no reply. Yesterday. Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, who was dubbed "king of the fat cats" by Labour before the election, said: "We do not believe that any such windfall

THE electricity industry

watchdog has turned the

heat up on the local distribu-

tion companies by threaten-ing them with financial

penalties if they fail to meet

next spring's deadline for a

fully competitive market

Stephen Littlechild said

three of the 14 companies

should be ready by the April

tempts to return cash to customers, marketed as "progress with responsibility", would soften any levy.

United announced pre-tax profits of £444 million (£340 million) before exceptionals. below market expectations. An £83 million charge from a problematic sewage works contract in Bangkok was expected. Turnover rose 29 per cent to £2.38 billion.

The company was formed after North West Water bought Norweb, the regional electricity company, in 1995. It said yesterday that predicted integration savings of £474 million by the year 2000 should be achieved.

Overall water leakage was down from 33.5 per cent to

Distributors feel heat

bly Southern Electric, Penalties would be applied to reduce any temptation to enter the market late, which could involve a clawback of the amounts companies have been allowed to add to power bills to pay for the work needed to bring in competition.

ready by July, except possi-

30.6 per cent. An average of about 700 million litres were lost through leaks per day in 1996-97. The company said a hosepipe ban was unlikely this A final dividend of 25.2p

(19.59p) is due to be paid on October 1, making a total of 37.2p (32.60p) for the year. The shares closed down 3p at 706p. South West Water yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £133 million, up 21.5 per cent. A £15 rebate was paid to customers in March at a cost of £10 million.

Non-regulated businesses, one of the most desired growth areas for utilities in the light of windfall tax expectations, contributed profit before tax of £8.6 million, an increase from E5.1 million.

☐ South West issued a warning that rainfall levels were dangerously low in parts of Cornwall, although lewer leaks and manageable customer demand should make restrictions unlikely. A final dividend of 24.9p (20.7p) is due on October 1, making a total of 36.7p (30.5p) for the year. Mid-Kent Holdings an-

nounced a 12 per cent increase in full-year, pre-tax profits to £13.8 million yesterday. A final dividend of 18p (17.75p) is due on July 29, making a total of 30p (24p) for the year. The shares rose 10p to 580p.

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lan Harvey and Rusi Kathoke with a plant being used to test BTG's new pesticide

BTG banks on Torotrak

By Paul Durman

BTG, the company that commercialises new inventions is investing another £12.5 million in Torotrak, its innovative transmission technology.

Torotrak's infinitely variable transmission system, which offers fuel-saving benefits, is under test with some of the world's leading carmakers, including Ford and Toyota. BTG has said Torotrak could easily be worth £50 million a year if

BTG intends to spend the £12.5 million developing

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Torotrak further, improving its durability, cost, size and weight. The company believes that the first vehicles equipped with Torotrak, probably tractors, could be launched next year.

The Torotrak investment is part of £25 million that the company is raising by placing shares with institutional investors at 603p. Ian Harvey. chief executive, has sold £814.050 of shares, and Rusi Kathoke, the finance director. has sold £338,000 worth, Mr Kathoke said that most of

these shares were being sold to meet PAYE tax habilities. Mr Kathoke said that BTG wanted the other £12.5 million it was raising because it still had "far more opportunities than resources". BTG shares continued their rise, adding

35p to reach 65712p. The company reported un-changed losses of £2.7 million on increased revenue of £22.5 million. It will pay an in-creased dividend of 0.88p a share on August 8.

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Hain plans 'industrial villages'

BY PIGLIP BASSETT INDESTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government will today launch a new business initiative aimed at boosting investment in one of the UK's oldest

industrial regions.
The initiative by South ment is expected, also today, of hundreds of new automotive jobs in Wales.

Peter Hain, the Welsh Office Minister, will today taunch a government strategy aimed at locating investment in the valleys of South Wales — the old pit areas that have seen high levels of unemployment since the demise of the coal

Mr Hain will announce the development of "industrial villages" in the valleys — clusters of mainly high-tech supplier companies that would become

sourcing centres for invest-ment along the M4 corridor in South Wales. Industrial villages were first promoted by Mr Hain as a backbench MP, but the idea has been given fresh impetus with the decision by LG, the Korean electronics manufacturer, to invest £1.7 billion in a new semiconductor plant in Newport. The plant will create 6.100 jobs directly and will be Europe's largest inward investment.

Air France lands back into profit

AIR FRANCE, the French state-owned airline, yesterday announced a return to profit for the first time in eight years despite continued industrial unrest (Adam Sage writes).
Patrice Durand, managing

director, said the heavily subsidised carrier had reported a net consolidated profit of Fr394 million in the year to March 31 against last year's loss of Fr2.264 billion.

The result will comfort Christian Blanc, made chairman four years ago, and add weight to his claim that the airline should be privatised swiftly if the ruling centreright parties win this Sunday's parliamentary election.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SFA fines broker £65,000 for laxness

THE Securities and Futures Authority has fined Quilter & Co, the stockbroking subsidiary of Commercial Union, 265,000 plus £20,000 costs for laxness. The regulator identified "internal control and compliance failings within the firm's dividends department" between February 1992 and December 1995. They included failure to reconcile dividend ledgers on a timely basis, failure to adequately segregate duties and failure to ensure independent checking of work. SFA also found inadequate compliance procedures within the back office and dividends department.

Imro, the investment management regulator, has fined Canada Life Management (UK) £50,000, plus costs of £23,392, for rule breaches between March 1995 and May 1996. It found that the manager had failed to invest Pep and unit trust customers' money on time, had incorrectly priced seven unit trusts, did not bank client money on time and failed to have adequate compliance arrangements.

Sector challenge grants

THE Government yesterday signalled a new deal with industrial trade associations as it awarded £36 million in grants to 186 new projects aimed at improving the UK's competitiveness. Under the sector challenge scheme, the Government will contribute to projects aimed at fostering new business and equipping people with better skills. Though the scheme was estab-lished by the previous government, Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said that "many of these projects" aims are in line with our vision of the priorities for business".

Rentokil stake split

SOPHUS BERENDSEN, the Danish group that holds a large stake in Rentokil Initial, is to demerge. Two new. separate companies will emerge. Sophus Berendsen and Ratin. The new Sophus Berendsen will hold 10 per cent of Rentokil Initial and Ratin will hold 32.2 per cent of Reniokil. The Eve year standstill on selling Rentokil shares, announced on March II last year, will remain in place after the Danish demerger. Rentokil shares rose

Air inquiry progress

KAREL VAN MIERT, the European Competition Commissioner, said that the environment was now more positive for resolving the European Commission's inquiry into an alliance between British Airways and American Airlines. He said that the situation had improved since Labour took power and since a meeting with Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. He added that the Government now realised that competition issues over the alliance must be considered at the European Union and national level.

Textile jobs at risk

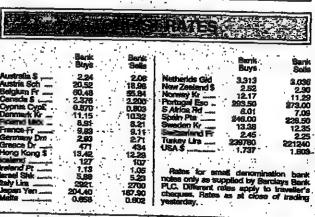
MORE THAN 150 jobs are under threat after Towles, a family-owned textile company, went into administrative receivership. Towies, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, is now in the hands of Robson Rhodes, the accountant, and has been put up for sale. The company was founded in 1906, but it has changed hands twice since the early 1900s after running into financial difficulties. A spokesman blamed competition from imports and light resall profit margins for the problems. There are still hopes the jobs will be saved:

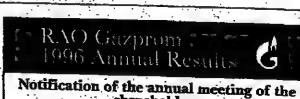
Nike issues warning

NIKE stock plunged 14 per cent after the company said that its fourth-quarter revenue and income would be below Wall Street expectations. Shares of Nike fell \$8.875 to \$54.75 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The collapse came after the athletic footware and apparel company said that it expected earnings per share for the three months ending May 31 of between 51 and 56 cents, well below analysts consensus of 69 cents.

Mitsubishi Motors fall

MITSUBISHI MOTORS skidded to lower profits in the past year, hit by poor sales across the globe, as leading Japanese rivals raced ahead on new models and a weaker yen. Japan's fourth-biggest carmaker announced a group operating profit down 36.5 per cent to 45.7 billion yen (£240 million) in the year to March 31. Group net profit fell 8.9 per cent to 11.6 billion yen. Parent company operating profit also dropped 8.4 per cent to 57.2 billion yen:





shareholders

The Management Committee of RAO Gazprom announces that the annual shareholders meeting will be held on 28 June 1997 in the Hendquarters RAO Gazproro in Moscow.

Agenda of the meeting: Approval of the membership of the Commission for Vote Counting. Approval of the Annual Report on the consolidated statements

performance of the Company in 1996, balance sheet, profit and loss account, report on distribution of profits and losses. Approval of the audit report on the financial results of the

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Parrick Ponsolle, the joint chairman of Euroturnel, did the impossible yesterday. He didn't make the company seem a viable prospect
— that would have taken a
miracle of biblical proportions but he managed to make people nostalgic for Sir Alastair Mor-ton. While Sir Alastair made a fire in the supposedly safe open carriages carrying freight. Yet, since it opened it has been such a some prefty extreme statements during his near decade at the helm of the black hole of Folkestone, nothing can compare to M. commercial success that it is now talking about raising prices for its freight service, Le Shuttle, because it is not afraid of competition from the ferry companies, which are huddling together for series. Ponsolle's assertion that the Brit-

ish and French governments had a duty to extend Eurotunnel's franchise for an extra 34 years because they are responsible for gether for safety. Had this project been managed property in the first place, it would have been the mess the company is in. M Ponsoile is rewriting hist-ory. When Eurotunnel was awarded the franchise a dozen The fact that M Ponsolle is saying these things implies he actually believes them - someyears ago, it took on the project thing one was not always sure of with its eyes wide open. This was the sort of deal to share risk between the public and private sector which the Labour Governwith Sir Alastair, who appeared to utter comments to see how much of a stir he could make. In France, M Ponsolle is playing to the gallery. There are hundreds ment is hoping to promote with the new improved Private Fiof thousands of small shareholdnance Initiative. Earlier this week it emerged that Andersen ers who have perdu leur chamises on Eurotunnel and Consulting was willing to take a E23 million hit because a PFI project was going to be delivered late. What is good for Andersen should be good for Eurotumel. It who will vote in next weekend's election. The French Govern-ment is willing to bend to pressure It is not only willing to extend the franchise but is pressurising the British Government to follow suit. But John is merely that the figures are bigger.
This is a project that has soaked up more than £12 billion of cash, was late being completed, even later opening and, when it did open, it had to be closed because of Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, is made of stronger stuff. He is willing to attack Railtrack and, with Margaret Beckett, lay waste the plans of National

Better late than never



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

Express: Why should he roll over and play dead with Eurotunnel. As was shown by yesterday's figures, extending the licence has value — about £15 million a year according to Eurotunnel's calculations -- or £510 million in total. Why should this be given up for free? If Eurotunnel wants the licence extension it should pay for it. So this will put back the company's plans of getting into profit by 2006 — it is a lot cheaper than going bust.

Note of caution needed by Brown

There was an uneasy pol-itical silence on this side of the Channel yesterday as the rest of Europe attempted to come to terms with the latest bout of euro worries. While the Italian Government was relishing pay-back time for the years of German criticism it has endured over its own budgetary wheezes. Gordon Brown was conspicuous only by his absence. The only comment of note came from Kenneth Clarke, the erstwhile Chancellor, who seized the opportunity to try and persuade the Tory Party that even he is not as europhile as the Germans.

But the unfolding battle in Germany creates a huge policy dilemma for Mr Brown. The City's only firm conclusion yes-terday was that European markets are in for a period of uncertainty and volatility.

This looks set to last, with more crises in the offing, until the politicians resolve whether Europe will have a "soft" single currency on time in 1999 or whether the whole project should be delayed as Mr Brown's new friend Martin Taylor continues

britain, as a relative beacon of stability, will become even more attractive to investors for as long as it is likely that the country will remain aloof from the early

lion shares at 5p each, raising £27 million, after

which Thomas Potts will

change its name to Coalite.

The shares will have a full

listing on the London Stock

Exchange Coalite, which has been

owned by Anglo United

since 1989, reported a pre-tax operating profit of £7 mil-

Lion on turnover of £59.4

million in the 11 months to

February 28.

stages of the single currency. The stock market should enjoy a further rally as funds flow in from abroad. More importantly, sterling will soon be heading higher again, against the express wishes of Mr Brown and the business lobby.

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But as yesterday's trade figures showed, the export outlook is not as black as some manufacturing businesses have recently complained. Almost all of the pound's recent rise has been against European currencies and exporters have lost little competitiveness in the rest of the world, making big gains in areas tied to the equally strong dollar. This puts a lot of the bleating by exporters into sharp focus. The Japanese economy was able to thrive for a long time despite a

It would be an uncomfortable ride sitting outside a soft euro trading block with the appreciating pound hurting European exports — although less economi-

cally painful than rushing into a fudged currency. Mr Brown might be tempted into the euro by the elusive goal of a weaker currency. But if the Government really wants to resolve its single currency policy dilemma, it should ignore those siren cries and perhaps use some of its new found Euro-credibility to push

A deal too expensive

for a postponement.

ell it was not as if Scottish Amicable had not been warned. Anybody could tell that the plan to float the life company was not going to fly. The decision to plough on even when the bidders started declaring their hand was shouting against the storm. Now it has emerged that £10 million went into the pockets of City advisers for this insane exercise.

But how could ScotAm have spent this much? And for that matter how can the whole exercise of delivering the business into the hands of the Pru be costing £34 million. And while we're on the subject how about the £91 million spend on the marriage of Royal Insurance and

Sun Alliance. And heaven knows what it will cost to merge Guinness and GrandMet.

Let's just think about the £34 million. Given that your average City and the factors of t

City adviser does not get out of bed for less than £300 an hour, this equates to 110,000 man hours of work. Assuming a 12hour day, six days a week (these folk work hard), this would mean that an average of 127 top city advisers were constantly working for three months to put this deal together. Given that around 40 people from SBC Warburg attended the signing of the deal, these figures do not seem all that

The level of City fees on these deals is clearly getting out of hand. The Office of Fair Trading has already acted to cut down the cost of underwriting share issues in the market. It probably has no remit here, but someone should cut down this City fat cattery.

Jobs for the boyos

☐ THE Government has come up with a catchy line for its plans to rejuvenate the Welsh valleys. There are to be "industrial vil-lages" to provide employment. This sounds so much more attractive than industrial estates. Might the climate now move in favour of the residential equivalent? Early in the Thatcher years, "New vil-lages" were mooted as the answer to the need for new housing, but developers failed to persuade the planners of their good intentions.

LIG lifts profits by 36%

London International Group, the Durex condoms and Marigold rubber gloves group, is aiming to maintain carnings growth of more than 10 per cent a year after completing its three-year recovery programme. Shares in London Inter-

national rose 13p, to 169 2 p. as it reported underlying pre-tax profits up 36 per cent, to £35.6 million, in the year to March 3L. Nick Hodges, chief executive, said the company had re-stored the profitability it enjoyed before heavy losses on its photo-process-

The results were his by the EIOA million cost of reorganising Aladan, its US condom and gloves business. This was offset by a 64.3 million profit on disposals, leaving pre-tax profits at £29.5 million. The company is paying a final dividend of 21p on August 22, making a 28p total, up by 40 per cent.

SIB campaign

The Securities and Investments Board launched a £400,000 advertising cam-paign in the English and Scottish national press in a bid to persuade more victims of the pensions misselling scandal to come forward. Only two out of five people contacted by firms that sold them personal pensions are responding, it says.

The campaign is part of the SIB's latest effort to clear up the long-running scandal. Three years after the extent of the scandal was revealed only 12,650 of the 500,000 victims have accepted - compensation. This month regulators set new deadlines for agreeing compensation.

Red chip rush

Beijing Enterprises, China's latest red chip stock. trebled in price on its first day of trade on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yes terday. The shares, issued at HK\$12.48, touched HK\$45 before closing at HK\$40.20. The red chip conglomerate, controlled by Beijing's municipal nent, launched an initial 150 million-share global offering last week, amid a stampede for Chi-na-linked stocks ahead of Hong Kong's return to

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M&G shares fall as interims disappoint City

BY PAUL DURMAN SHARES in M&G Group turn-

bled 60p to £12.82½ yesterday as the unit trust and personal equity plan manager disap-pointed the City with interim pre-tax profits of £33.2 million. Although this was a 6 per cent rise on the first half of the previous year,-it was below expectations, as was the £16.1 bil-hon total of funds under man-agement. M&G, a big believer in steadily rising dividend pay-ments, also declared an unchanged interim dividend of Michael McLintock, who became managing director this year, said that this did not imply any decision about the final dividend.

M&G struggled to attract new money during the recent Pep season because of widespread criticism of the poor investment performance of its UK equity unit trusts. David Watson, finance director, said M&G captured a market share of only 2-3 per cent, instead of the 8-11 per cent it has achieved in the past.

Lower sales of E312 million and significantly higher re-demptions of E455 million left M&G with a net outflow from unit and investment trusts. Mr McLintock said the redemption figure was inflated by the loss of £90 million that followed an internal takeover of the M&G Dual investment trust.

PHILIP ROBINSON, chief

executive of Tring Internation-

al, will meet shareholders over

the next few days to try to persuade them to vote down an attempt by a fellow founder and former school friend to

Mark Frey, who ran the

discount music company with

Mr Robinson until forced out

two years ago, has teamed up with Jay Chernow, a major shareholder.

. The two, who control 20 per

cent of the company, have requisitioned an extraordi-nary meeting for June 16 at which shareholders will vote

oust him and the board.



McLintock: new funds

on whether the current board

Results announced yester-

day show that pre-tax profit in the year to March 31 was

£500,000 compared with £3

million a year ago. Mr Robin-

son said the figures were

"extremely disappointing" but

that the move upmarket

cent to £18.8 million. The

All but one of the legal disputes which have plagued Tring over recent years have

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should improve margins. Turnover was down 34 per

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Under Vivian Bazalgette, appointed as head of investment last year, M&C is modifying its traditional approach to investment. As a value investor, M&G has invested

Tring chief fights

bid to oust board

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

tively high dividend yields and in smaller companies. Both categories have been poor

performers recently.

Although sticking with its value philosoply, Mr McLintock wants to rationalise the existing range of 14 UK funds and to add some new funds. By making these changes, he hopes in future to avoid all M&G's funds performing badly at the same stage of the investment cycle, as happened recently. M&G's performance for its pension fund clients has has invested more money abroad, in fixed-interes stocks, and in large

M&G said it expects to spend £5 million making sure its computers can deal with the year 2000 problem. Mr McLintock said: "We think it's going to be a bigger deal than people say. It's going to be a big issue in the markets." The millennium is one reason why Mr McLintock is cautious on the outlook for the UK stock

Mr Watson said there was a severe shortage of computer programmers who can deal with the code used by older mainframe computers. He said there was a nine-month wait to join the necessary

training courses. Tempus, page 28

FLG, the former Thorn Lighting Group, is to end manufac-

close its one German factory

350 jobs over the next year.

TLG is beginning to implement the job cuts. The company expects the rational-

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Mr Bryce said that the strong pound had knocked £1

Berisford shows Thomas Potts buys Coalite signs of recovery for £24.3m THOMAS POTTS, the silk-

BY OUR CITY STAFF

screen printing company, changed its business strate-SHARES in Berisford rose gy yesterday with the £24.3 million purchase of Coalite 84p to 133p yesterday after the Magnet kitchens group at last showed signs of recovery.

Pre-tax profits rose from E11.9 Products, a maker of smokeless fuel and chemicals (Eric Reguly writes).
The acquisition is to be million to £38.9 million in the six months to March 29. funded through the placing and open offer of 540 mil-

Berisford shares suffered last year after the company said that it was in talks with a potential bidder and then revealed within days that the suitor had gone away.

Berisford said that its Darlington factory, which suffered from an industrial dispute in September 1996, had contin-

ued to recover rapidly.
Sales at the Welbilt opera-tion in America rose II per cent to \$241.6 million. Operating profit at Welbilt before restructuring costs increased 6

John Sclater, the chairman, said: "We are pleased with the profitable progress made by both Welbilt and Magnet in the first half and are encouraged by the first eight weeks trading of our second-half,

over the same period last He added that the company was investigating a number of acquisition and co-operation

which shows sales at Welbilt

and Magnet up 10 per cent

and 6 per cent respectively

opportunities.

The half-year dividend rose
33 per cent to 2.0p out of earnings up 12.5 per cent to 7.2p. Magnet raised sales !! per cent to £112 milion, out of which operating profits increased 52 per cent to £3.5

Wakebourne bought by Emerson

FRANK EMERSON, who has been involved with Wakebourne in various incarnations for 15 years, is buying the computer services business from the company's administrator for a figure believed to be little more than £1 million (Jason Nisse writes).

This is less than a quarter of the amount he had indicated he would offer last week, before the group collapsed with debts of £10 million.

Mr Emerson is being backed by BSC, a private investment fund that was also behind a previous bid approach.

However, the administrator said that it understood no กิภาก offer was put on the table.

TLG to end German production

turing in Germany because of the high cost of labour. The company is planning to

and has made an exceptional provision of £13.5 million to cover the cost. That factory's production of fluorescent lighting will be shifted to the UK, France and Sweden.

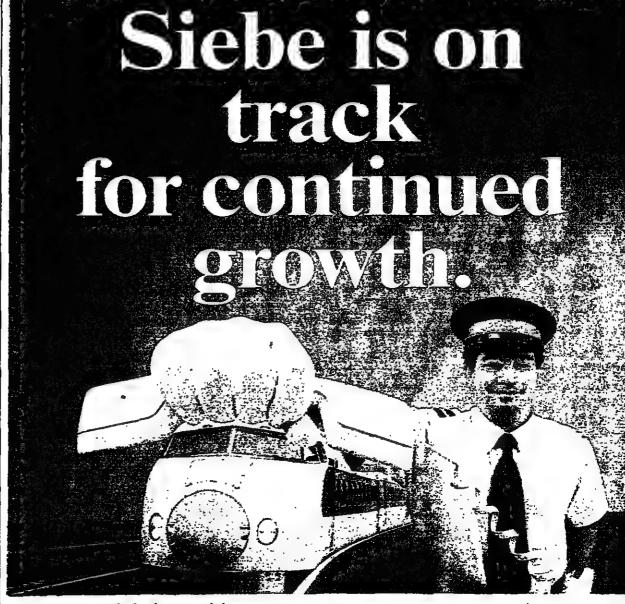
The provision contributed to a E20 million drop in pre-tax profit to £8.6 million in the year to March 31. The company plans to cut

nost of them in Germany, taking its workforce to just below 4,000. It cut 200 jobs

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cent of TLG and speculation is mounting that it is planning a bid. Hamish Bryce, executive chairman of TLG, said yesterday that he had not spoken to Wassall for several months. We don't see the necessity for a bid," he said.

million off profits during the year. A final dividend of 2.9p is maintained, payable on August 12, giving an un-changed total of 4.3p.



Preliminary results for the year ended April 5 1997 Change Turnover (£m) 3,005.3 2,599.1 up 15.6% Pre-tax Profit (£m) **424.1** 331.1 цр 28.1% 54.i Earnings per Share (pence) up 20.2% 14.70 Dividend per Share (pence) up 10.4% Industrial Equipment Temperature & Appliance Controls Control Systems

"Our high hopes for 1996/97 have been fully confirmed by these results. During the year we have strengthened our competitive position in all key markets and we are now even better placed from strategic and operating points of view. The second half of the year just ended witnessed accelerating organic sales growth coupled with SIEBE increased profits and margins. Order backlog at the year

end stood at £883.3 million which is 23.4% up on 1996

and this has given Siebe a very good start for the new

year. Although currencies remain a concern, the Group is able to manage the situation by flexing production volumes between countries. We do not see any signs of a recession in our main

markets - indeed North America, the Far East and Middle Eastern markets remain strong and we continue to see some signs of growth in Continental Europe. The Board is therefore very confident of continuing the underlying growth in Siebe's business operations." Barrie Stephens, Chairman,

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the trenches fighting for every penny of profit. Testimony to that is the impressive perfor-

mance of Unitech, a business acquired just as

the electronics world was heading into a tailspin but Siebe has raised its return on

sales by 3 percentage points and the company

Siebe's continuing margin advance com-

bined with a growing market share begs the

question of how far it can go. In a different

industry competitors might be tempted to spuil

the party and cut prices but process control is a

cosy world in which a threesome, Siebe, Emerson and Honeywell keep the peace.

carving up a huge market with no powerful customers. Shares in a company that consis-tendy delivers double digit earnings growth

should cost much more than 16 times carnings.

its products to attract new

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M&G shares are trading at

more than 20 times current

year earnings, an expensive

rating compared with the

P/E of 21 awarded to the

highly successful MAM, but

there are few brand names

on the block in this industry,

and if M&G continues to

should repeat the trick with APV.

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Blackbelts in engineering

NEVER known for false modesty. Siebe's at BTR tinker with spreadsheets, Siebe is in

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poor sales figures and heavy

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on M&G's revenues of the

same time. M&G is spending

more on advertising and

promotion, a necessity if it is

not to lose further ground.

And there could be more

one-off costs in store as the

BTR shares slide below 200p as City turns cool

THERE was further misery for City fund managers as shares of BTR dipped below the 200p level to close 9p down at a new low of 197p. A total of 15.5 million shares in the industrial conglomerate changed hands and it now appears totally bereft of supporters within the Square Mile, having fallen from a peak of 284p this year.

This latest sethack for the share price appears to have been sparked by a bearish note from ABN Amro Hoare Govert, the broker, on

Tuesday. Earlier this month, the company, which has been undergoing a restructuring programme, rocked the City with a profits warning ahead of its annual meeting. SBC Warburg took on a line of SO million shares at the 219p level, most of which is now believed to have been passed on to clients. They are almost certain to be sitting on sizeable losses and, with few signs of recovery, may start to demand

some explanations. The rest of the equity market opened lower, reflecting the overnight setback on Wall Street. Trading conditions remained thin, and selective support for defence issues helped prices to move into positive territory around midmorning. But the gains were not held and the FT-SE 100 index finished 5.2 down at 4.672.3. A total of 719 million shares were traded.

Among the defence issues British Aerospace climbed 26p to £12.5112. GKN 30p to £10.4712 and Rolls-Royce 5p to 25112p, while Smiths Industries put on 1112p at 780p after a visit by brokers.

By contrast banks were dull. Alliance & Leicester fell 9p to 614 2p after a line of five million shares was placed at 615p. Abbey National also fell. by 2512p to 90112p, Bardays by3912p to £12.18, NatWest by 17p to 76512p. and Royal Bank

Guinness retreated a further 5p to 575p as a question billion merger with Grand Metropolitan, LVMH, which owns 14 per cent of Guinness. has objected to the merger and wants to buy out Guinness from their joint ventures. The move may delay George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, and Anthony Greener, chairman of Guinness, from completing the deal. At yesterday's AGM Bernard Arnault told LVMH

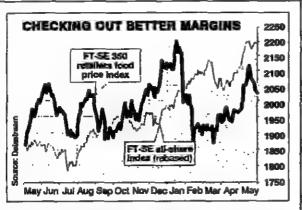


A merger problem for Anthony Greener, left, of Guinness, down 5p, and George Bull of Grand Metropolitan, off 6p

shareholders that he had no intention of selling Moet Hennessy, in which Guinness has a 34 per cent stake. GrandMet ended op lower at

574p. Stakis firmed 2p to 99p on the back of a strong profits rise and the news that it plans to dispose of eight non-core hotels. Earlier this year it bought the Metropole chain from

Royal Sun Alliance slipped back op to 46412p as the group's share buyback plan finally got under way. ABN Amro Hoare Govett. the broker, was reckoned to be bidding 465p for stock in the market-place. By the close almost ten million shares had changed hands. RSA has shareholder approval to buy back up to 5 per cent of the equity, equivalent to 77.9 mil-



THE food retailers received a boost from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, in an upbeat review of man, at Kleinwort, believes there is plenty of scope for improvement at Asda, up lp at 1194 p, Safeway, 312 p better at 361p. and Tesco.

6 p stronger at 379 p. He said: "People have been getting the jitters about lower sales numbers at Asda before the AGM next week. They are worried about disinflation and volume slowdown. But they should be looking at

COMMODITIES

stable". The same goes for Asda where market expectations are low.

"Most brokers are looking for £340 million - we are top of the range with £345 million - and the group could come in with £350 million-plus. If that is the case, there will be a lot of pressure for brokers to raise their forecasts, which will be good for the shares."

He says recovery is continuing at Saleway, whose shares have performed strongly of late.

lion shares, worth £362 lion. Elsewhere in the s Commercial Union lost at 69112p and General

dent 23p at 9221zp.

M&G Group closed down on the day at EI2 after the market gave thumbs-down to a disam ing rise in interim profits.

A profits warning left Crabtree Group lop down at 6512p. Write-offs of product development costs would leave profits in the second half broadly in line with those in the first six months.

The decision to slash the dividend from 2.5p to just 0.1p left Hawtal Whiting nursing a fall of 11p at 571 zp. The group reported a rise in pre-tax profits last year from El.2 million to El.6 million. Some bullish comments about current prospects lifted Plasmon

25p to 201'2p. Shares of AIM-listed Thomas Potts were suspended at 1134p pending the acquisition of Coalite Products from Anglo United for £24.3 million. Potts intends to raise £27 million by way of an open offer and placing of shares.

Hapless Telewest rallied 5p to 74p as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the company's broker, moved to dispel rumours

about rising debt levels.
There was little institutional support for Soco International on the first day of dealings. Offered at 260p, the price touched 26212p but quickly fell back to close at 24lp.

GILT-EDGED: Prices

closed with small losses on the day after a lacklustre performance. However, gilts did manage to outperform German bunds, where the row between the Bundesbank and the German Government over the criteria for European Monetary Union continued to

The June series of the long gilt traded E1s lower at E112316 as investors continued to roll over into the September con-tract. A total of 81,000 contracts were completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell

E316 to £1007s, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £532easier at ☐ NEW YORK: Share prices were flat to lower in quiet

morning trade as profit-takers continued to target blue chips while the broader market hele its positive tone. A raft of economic data is due out today. By midday the Dow Jones indsutrial average was 31.77 points lower at 7,325.46. LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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Closing Prices Page 31

per cent earnings growth and raised its margins by more than a full percentage point. Siebe is achieving what many large manufac-turers consistently fail to deliver continuous improvement in efficiency. While the bosses M&G Group

bosses have given themselves the new title of "champions". This elite cadre of managers

are supported by an army of 250 "blackbelts"

whose skills have been honed after a further

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tions and, no doubt, delayer inefficient staff.

If this sounds like business school baloney.

it is worth giving a glance at Siebe's results. In

a year when many of its supporters were expecting a slowdown. Siebe has produced 20

STICKING to its guns has heen an expensive policy for M&G. Any investor who slavishly tracked the FT-SE 100 index for the past two years will have done rather better than if he had done his homework and studiously picked undervalued medium-sized industrial com-

panies, bread and butter for M&G's fund managers. Of course, M&G would be foolish to change course now and chase the market leaders so late in the day. Having made its name in stock-picking, the M&G brand still has some value, albeit less than five years ago. If there are reasons to own shares in the fund manager today, they have as much to do with the value to a predator of M&G's retail franchise, than the profits from a recovery.

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company rebrands some of faiter it could attract a bid. FINDING LERS VALUE 1450 1200 1150 1100 1050

United Utilities

FORGET for a minute the image of Sir Desmond Pitcher as "King of the Fat Cats". pleading for windfall tax leniency from the Blair Government. Forget also the £83 million charge taken after a construction contract fiasco in Thailand.

Yesterday's results hinted that the North West of England's water and electricity combine could have a few cards up its sleeve. Profits were disappointing but the amount of money owing, or "under-recovered", in electricity distribution income actually grew, suggesting that the company may be happy to post these extra earnings another day, in a

less hostile climate. Vertex, the outsourcing profit of £27.1 million in its maiden year. A few good contracts in the next few months would show that United has a growing source of non-regulated earnings. tomer rebate scheme is large enough that the threat of withdrawal should give United some extra clout in regulatory battles to come.

At 706p. United could be cheap, but it is a risk only for the bolder investor.

BTG

BTG is a jewel of indetermi-nate value. Its business is the commercial exploitation of new technologies and it owns the rights in literally hun-dreds of sovernions; 100 ay, it is incurring losses and its anmual sales are a modest £22.5 million a year, but since its floration BTG shares have soared, scoring a 14-fold in-

BTG is now entering a new phase, raising £25 million, half of which is earmarked for Torotrak, its infinitely variable transmission technology. Leading car manufacturers, including Ford. Toyota and BMW, are testing out the system, which offers

Finally, the established cus-substantial fuel savings. Success could lead to royalties for BTG from the use of Torotrak technology on a huge number of the millions of cars sold worldwide every year. On some estimates. Torotrak on its own already ustifies BTG's current market value of nearly £580

million. BTG's confidence is underlined by the additional backing it is giving Torotrak. which last year made a profit of £730,000 on rapidly increasing sales. The rest of the EZS million is for the numer-

BTG's chief executive and finance director have sold first opportunity to lock in ny's extraordinary rise. Since en, this should not prove too alarming.

BTG still looks a good bet for bolder investors.

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A month ago I said on this

page that Chirac's bolt from

the blue was one of those rare

events that necessitate a sud-

den reassessment of some of

the basic assumptions that markets and politicians had

been making about the future of the world. I argued that

President Chirac's impetuosity

suddenly reduced the chances

of Europe having a single

currency from almost 100 per

cent to something like 60 per

cent. This judgment was broadly vindicated by the

French Government's humili-

ation last Sunday and I was

waiting for the final results of

the French election this week-

end when an even bigger bombshell exploded at the very centre of the Maastricht

The declaration of war over

gold between Chancellor Kohl

and his previously loyal lieu-

tenant Hans Tiermeyer, the

Bundesbank president, leaves

the Chancellor fighting for his

political life. And in spite of the

German Chancellor's impres-

sive record of winning against

the odds in past political

tussles, his chances of surviv-

ing in this battle now look

extremely slim - certainly

much slimmer than the finan-

cial markets and most political

commentators have assumed

in their first dazed reactions to

this week's astonishing events.

And if Kohl is destroyed by the Curse of Maastricht, which

has already claimed the careers of almost every politician

it has touched, it follows inevitably that the whole jerry-

built structure of European

Monetary Union will come

crashing down - like Valhalla

in the last act of Wagner's

The enormity of this de-

ten years of diplomacy, sacri-

fice and propaganda would go

to waste, that governments

would have fallen like nine-

pins for no reason, that mil-lions of people would have lost

their jobs to no purpose - all

this is so astounding that the

natural reaction is initially one

of paralysed denial. This is the

rabbit in the headlight effect"

I described a month ago when

I said that the markets had

underestimated the historic

importance of President Chirac's election call.

fail," investors said then, and

they repeat it now. But history

apparently invincible leaders

who are pushed by their

Napoleon-in-Russia effect.

The fact that this final step is

often unnecessary and small does not diminish its fateful

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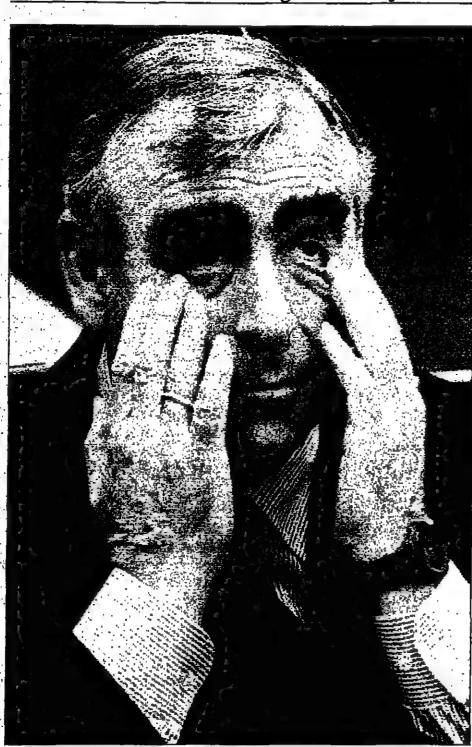


ANATOLE KALETSKY

Kohl humbled n this season of political miracles in Europe, the sudden outbreak of war Government and the Bundes and important than President by the Curse Chirac's electoral miscalculation in France. With Helmut dammerung and the French electorate repudiating the aus-terity demanded by the Maasof Maastricht tricht treaty, the prospect of a European single currency has suddenly been reduced from near-certainty to little more than an outside chance.

Germany's gold war could be the undoing of

the Chancellor and his single currency vision



Then Waigel, the Finance Minister behind the plan to revalue Bundesbank gold reserves

say sorry to the Bundesbank and go back to where he was "Surely it is inconceivable that EMU will be allowed to two weeks ago before Theo Waigel, his blundering Finance Minister, came up with is filled with examples of the wheeze of reappraising the value of the Bundesbank's gold and treating the profit as vanity to take just one step too government income. After the far - what might be called the Bundesbank's unprecedented denunciation of Herr Waigel's "creative accounting" and the accusation that the Government was interfering with its constitutionally guaranteed independence. Herr Kohl could easily have found other must either brazenly defy the treaty than tampering with the Bundesbank's gold, just as Bundesbank or back down and provide an open and President Nixon could easily transparent new plan to hit the have won re-election without Maastricht targets. Either course will be fraught with peril and could bring both Herr Kohl and his European It is now too late for Kohl to vision crashing down.

Imagine (hard though it may be) that Herr Kohl decided to apologise and forget about the Bundesbank gold. In principle he could still then hit the Maastricht target by adding a few pfennigs to petrol taxes, as many of his advisers had urged all along. But any such tax increase would probably now be voted down by the SPD opposition, which controls the upper house of the German parliament. Higher taxes, which might previously have been presented as "the price of Europe", would now be seen as the price of saving Kohl from embarrassment and keeping him in power. With Kohl on the run - and with the French election showing that voters are no longer prepared to pay for their leaders' historical ambi-

tions - the Opposition would

be far more tempted to turn both higher taxes and EMU into electoral isues. Indeed, higher taxes would probably be opposed by Herr Kohl's Free Democrat "allies" and even perhaps by his potential successors within the Christian Democrats.

Alternatively, Herr Kohl could leave the Bundesbank's gold alone and simply press ahead with EMU in spite of a deficit above the 3 per cent Maastricht target. Herr Waigel, who has stupidly staked his reputation on the mantra that "three is three", could be forced to eat his words or be made the scapegoat for the Bundesbank debacle. A week ago, such a course could have been defended as pragmatic politics and reasonable economics. Now this es-

cape route is almost closed. Having tried to desecrate the Bundesbank to meet the Maastricht target, Herr Kohl could hardly say that the target didn't matter after all.

Even if he had the bare-faced cheek to do so, he could no longer be sure of steam-

rollering the Opposition.
Opponents of EMU and of
Herr Kohl personally — whatever their true motives - now have a magnificent cause on which to unite. From this week it will no longer be "anti-European" for Germans to argue against EMU; it will be pro-Bundesbank", "pro-stability" or, at worst, "anti-Kohl". Even Herr Kohl's own party may think twice before following their leader on EMU, knowing that they will have to answer for it to the voters in October 1998.

The Constitutional Court will also have a genuine issue to settle if Herr Kohl suddenly declares that the 3 per cent limit did not matter after all. And the constitutional judges, hitherto assumed to be in the Chancellor's pocket, could be emboldened by the unexpected defiance shown by the Bundesbank, most of whose directorate had also been acting as Kohi puppets until now.

All in all there seems to be little prospect of Herr Kohl reversing his decision to use the Bundesbank's gold. But what if he does revalue the gold? The Bundesbank's opposition could create a legal minefield since the bank must provide a report to the German parliament and the Constitutional Court on whether it considers the Maastricht conditions have been satisfied. Herr Tietmeyer must also vote in the European Monetary Institute about which countries are ready for the single currency. It is unlikely that even Herr Kohl would have the gall to go ahead with EMU if Herr Tietmeyer had voted against German membership.

bove all, the clash with the Bundesbank could trans-Liform German public opinion. EMU has never been popular among Germans, but until now it did not loom large as an issue in the public mind. People said they were against the single currency when did not give much weight to this issue when casting their votes — behaviour very similar to Britain's supposedly "Eurosceptical" voters. If, however, Herr Kohl overrides the Bundesbank, the EMU issue may rise to a different scale of prominence.

Instead of just inspiring a vague sense of historical unease, the single currency would be seen as a direct threat to living standards and obs. Germans respect the Bundesbank, but that is not the main point. They also have bitter memories of the last time Herr Kohl humiliated the Bundesbank by forcing it to exchange D-marks for worthless east German Ost-marks. Rightly or wrongly, German voters blame this decision for the vast reunification costs they have borne ever since.

Herr Kohl may believe that his triumph in uniting Germany has given him the licence to follow his political vision again wherever it leads. But history may not repeat itself. Unification justified sacrifice, but German voters do not give two hoots for Herr Kohl's vision of Europe. In blindly following his instincts a second time, Herr Kohl may have taken one small step too many -- and gone off a cliff.

Tinseltown gloom may send Seagram back to its roots

hen Edgar Bronfman Jr. the Y chief executive of Seagram, shocked the film industry with the \$5.7 billion purchase of MCA, the Hollywood studio whose hits have included Jaws and The Sting, the sceptics came out in force.

Here, they said, was another star-struck rich kid captivated by the glamour of Tinseltown. They claimed he knew nothing about the highrisk film industry and should have stuck with booze, the product that turned Seagram from a Prohibition-era bootlegging operation into one of the mightest players in the global spirits market.

Two years later, the sceptics seem to have been proved right. Since the acquisition of MCA (now called Universal Studios), Seagram shares have underperformed the Dow Jones industrial average by about a third, while those of Du Pont, the chemicals company that Seagram sold to finance the the MCA acquisition, have kept pace with the market. Seagram shareholders would have been far better off if the young man had left well enough alone.

Perhaps Edgar Jr is getting the message. Speculation is mounting that Seagram will return to its roots with a spirits acquisition and analysts believe Allied Domeco, the British drinks and pubs group, is the most logical candidate. Ron Littleboy, of Nomura Securities, said: "An agreed merger of the spirits businesses of Allied and Seagram would be the preferred scenario for Seagram."

The rumours intensified on Wednesday when Seagram raised \$1.3 billion, after tax, from the sale of half its stake in Time Warner, the world's biggest media company.

Seagram came under pressure to make spirits, not Hollywood, its priority earlier this month when Guinness and GrandMet agreed a £23 billion merger that makes Seagram and Allied Domecq look like micro-breweries by comparison. would comment on any talks they have had with each other.

The British company, for its part, seems open to a deal. When Allied Domeco reported interim results earlier this month, Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said: "It is clear that consolidation is one way forward for the industry ... Any board is going to be open to opportunities that consolidation might create."

Edgar Jr. unlike his father and grandfather, is not a booze man at heart. But if spirits remain Seagram's core business he will have his hands full restoring its fortunes in the wake of the Guinness-GrandMet merger. The Bronfman spirits em-

pire dates back to Prohibition. when the production of beet, wine and spirits was banned in the US from 1920 to 1933. The Canadian version was lax comparison. Sam Bronfman, Edgar's legendary grandfather, spotted an op-portunity and formed Distill-

ers Corporation in Montreal in 1924, which later acquired Joseph E Seagram & Sons. Canadian prohibition did not prevent export sales, so Mr

Sam, as he was called, sold

whisky to bootleggers, who

resold it to Americans. His

smartest move was anticipatcreation, and JCI of South Africa. Tiny thinks the whole thing is a stitch-up aimed at allowing Anglo-American at Ashanti Goldfields, where he remains on the board, and Lonrho's 41 per cent stake in the same. Tiny's previous publications have been on Alan Bond, the jailed Australian financier, and the Al Fayed brothers, both the subject of earlier feuds with the great man. They were not exactly laudatory. In half a century of business experience in Africa, Tiny has a pretty good idea



"Quick! The Germans are fighting — we'll be able to get to the sunbeds first"

The company is under

pressure to make spirits its

priority, says **Eric Reguly**

ing the repeal of US Prohibition. He stockpiled enormous quantities of bottled whisky and flooded the US market when repeal was enacted.

Sam spent the next decades building what would become the world's largest liquor operation with the purchase of distillers, distributors and wineries across North America, Europe, the Caribbean and South America. Among its better known brands were Chivas scotch whisky, VO (also Seagram's stock symbol on the Canadian and New York exchanges), and Mumm's champagne.

Sam's eldest son. Edgar Miles, became chief executive when Sam died in 1971. Now Seagram's chairman, he changed Seagram in the Eighties as fundamentally as Edgar Jr did with the MCA acquisition. Looking for industries that would grow faster than the already "mature" spirits business, Edgar Miles launched a \$2.1 billion bid for St Joe Minerals Corp. When the bid failed, he

attacked Conoco, then the ninth largest US oil producer. Du Pont came to Conoco's rescue and won after a bloody takeover battle. Seagram tendered its Conoco shares to Du Pont in exchange for a 20 per cent stake in Du Pont. The diversification strategy was a success. Du Pont typically contributed half of Seagram's income. At first, Edgar Jr did not seem his

Movies were his passion. Sir David Puttnam, the Oscarwinning producer of Chariots of Fire, was a friend of the family and spent a great deal of time with Edgar Jr in the Seventies. Sir David was a good tutor and the young Bronfman became a producет. He is best known for The Border, a 1982 Jack Nicholson film that fared better with the

critics than at the box office. Edgar Jr's movie career did not go far and he landed at Seagram. He performed better than expected and, by the late Eighties, was pretty much running the show. His strate gy, which was applauded by analysts, was to concentrate on expensive, high-margin brands. Martell, the French cognac maker, for \$1.2 billion, and the sale of most of the non-premium brands. He also bought Tropicana, the leading orange juice brand in the ready-to-serve market.

But Edgar Jr, like his father, was convinced that spirits would never again be a high-growth business and that entertainment presented better opportunities. So he traded Du Pont for MCA and waited for the riches to flow, It has not worked so far. Studios live and die at the box office and blockbusters such as Jurassic Park and its sequel. The Lost World: Jurassic Park, are rare.

Since the MCA purchase, Edgar Jr's strategy has been unclear. Is Seagram an entertainment or spirits company? The reality is that the market might not support another entertainment acquisition Seagram has toyed with the idea of buying EMI, the music group — until MCA becomes a solid performer.

In all probability, expanding in the spirits business will be the next move and Allied looks the



Hits like The Lost World: Jurassic Park are rare

WHY SETTLE FOR A LEVEL PLAYING-FIELD?

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John Reynolds, is quitting Schroders after 21 years for a lucrative post at ABN Amro Bank, Dutch owner of Hoare Govett. Something of a senior statesman at Schroders, he becomes chairman of ABN's corporate finance activities in Europe. No whisper of his salary, but, including bonus, he is not going to be giving up as a senior director of corporate finance at Schroders for anything too far short of seven figures. When I first heard



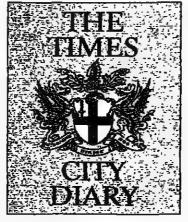
John Reynolds, the Schroders one, has been lured to a lucrătive post at ABN Amro

that ABN had hired John Reynolds my response was, which one? There are at the last count four of that name at loose in the City, one a utilities analyst, although he may have left, one at Shandwick PR and the third at one of the big law firms. "I think we've got the right one," says my source. "They'd be a bit disappointed if they ended up with the lawyer or the Shandwick one."

 AT THE LVMH annual meeting in Paris the champagne was going down very nicely, and the wine, vodka and gin - this is France, remember, and not the usual stingy British bash with a cup of coffee. Cold. And a bis-cuit. If you're lucky. But the one thing the French were not so keen on was Johnny Walker - a Guinness whisky. "Eet appears zey are staging a boycott," sneered the barman.

Mail shot

BAFFLING, I know, but there definitely is some sort of black hole at the Post Office into which a tiny but identifiable proportion of our mail gets sucked. The Alliance & Leicester posted 619,000 letters a fortnight ago to members who did not want to hold their shares and had asked for them to be sold. About 100 of those letters



are lost forever, beyond the event horizon and into that parallel universe that some cosmologists tell us exists at the bottom of a singularity. This has prompted an interesting thought on the part of one A&L member, Wimbledon resident Ann Steele. She should have had about £1,300 for her shares. The same shares are now worth about £1,550. As she didn't get the original money, could she please have the larger sum? Close but no cigar, said the A&L, pointing to the fine print, as the bank put a second cheque into the post. She had signed irrevocable instructions to sell.

Coded message AT The Times we like to keep abreast of the news, even if we have to be a bit

 THE image consultants have been at Liffe. The futures market's annual report is out. The front is a mess of sepia pictures of traders in blazers waving their arms about, Tony Blair, Michael Heseltine, the one-month Euromark - all terribly Eighties. Top right on the front cover, where you might expect the name of the company, are the letters BTP, a small chemicals company that used to be run by my old friend Frank Buckley. Hi, Frank. Heaven knows what it all has to do with Liffe.

guarded sometimes. On Tuesday we

ran a cartoon of Sir Desmond Pitch-

er, chairman of United Utilities, in

clogs and cap as the little Dutch boy

trying to plug any number of leaks in the dyke. All very satirical, aimed at

the water companies' rising tide of

difficulties. It was, of course, a coded reference to the very secret engage-ment of Sir Desmond's daughter

Samantha, that same weekend. She

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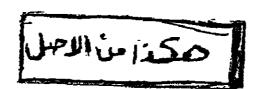
Holland, and spelling is obviously not his forte. You spotted the refer-

ence, didn't vou?

Out of Africa

IF YOU have tears still to shed for Anglo-American, the huge South African mining house, prepare to shed them. I learn that Tiny Rowland is researching a book about the company, which he blames for the impending merger between Lonrho, his

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This is the text of a circular posted to Lonrho Shareholders by Mr R W Rowland

LONRHO – JCI MERGER Will two losers make one winner?

Lonrho, a famous African presence, has been approached by JCI.

Who, What and Why is JCI?

JCI is the rump of a former stock market favourite, 'Johnnies'. As Johannesburg Consolidated it was part of the Anglo-American family until the Anglo strategy board decided that some part of the vast empire should be made available for what was described as black empowerment, a mark of respect for the new order in South Africa. The valuable platinum mines of JCI were transferred back to Anglo, and the remainder split into mining and non-mining assets. Anglo in practice controls policy and management of the mining assets which form JCI today. The company has had a facelift by the appointment of Mr Mzi Khumalo who, while he has little relevant commercial experience, has a creditable political background. It has recently lost its managing director.

JCI's new chairman and his consortium are buying their 50 million JCI shares from Anglo-American for 54.50 Rand a share. According to the South African financial press other major institutional investors were unwilling to back Mr Khumalo and Saflife on the acquisition of the JCI shares from Anglo, because the shares were thought to be overpriced. A rights issue at Saflife was only 8% subscribed. As a result Anglo had to provide most of the funds through its associates and subsidiaries. The JCI share price on 23 May 1997 was 41.80 Rand per share giving an unrealised book loss of £90 million (R635 million). According to Business Day "... the new JCI owners were nervous about the share price and would want to make up for the premium they paid for control." Incidentally Mr Khumalo and his group have 30% of JCI, the standard percentage which the Oppenheimers consider necessary for control. Anglo retains a direct 18% in JCI. Anglo and its associates control Saflife.

JCI has not had a popular launch, and in addition the new board has many covenants over its decision making, imposed by Anglo as principal lender. So far, JCI is a loser.

ANGLO

Lonrho is being approached by JCI at Anglo's urging, doubly motivated in wishing to see their black empowerment initiative looking good in front of the public and the new government, and wanting to offset the intervention of the European Commission in Anglo's direct control of Lonrho. Anglo's top men, like finance director Mr King and technical director Mr Wadeson, are on the JCI board. Mr Wadeson was on the Lonrho board until this month. Cosmetically Wadeson had to go from the Lonrho board in order to prevent a risible situation arising as two satellites of Anglo pretend to have independent talks with each other.

Should this Anglo inspired merger succeed in any form, whether 60/40 or 50/50, the typical linked shareholding pattern will give final power to E. Oppenheimer & Son, with their see-saw 8% at the top of the structure. Although the European Commission has ordered Anglo to sell down their Lonrho shareholding to 9.9%, a Lonrho-JCI merger would in my view effectively nullify the ruling as there is simply far too much Anglo in the pie. Lonrho as a company ought not to be seen attempting to violate the spirit of the EC ruling.

Anglo is facing a loss of over a hundred million pounds on its purchase of Lonrho shares, but it is not the fault of Lonrho shareholders that Anglo made a bog of the put option at 180 pence with Lonrho's former chief executive Mr Bock. The shares fell from 217 pence to 116 pence mainly because of Bock and Anglo. There can be no obligation for the main body of shareholders to make up Anglo's loss or save Anglo's face by handing Lonrho to JCI.

ASHANTI SWAP

As part of the scheme, Lonrho is considering giving Anglo control of the Ashanti mine in Ghana in exchange for cancelling the Lonrho shares which Anglo now regret buying according to the financial press. Ashanti was and will continue to be Lonrho's most coveted asset. We should all be so lucky as to be able to dictate the reparations we want for our own mistakes.

Why should Lonrho's shareholders part with Ashanti, the lowest cost gold producer in Africa, only to receive shareholdings in South African gold mining companies, which are far more vulnerable to low gold prices due to their higher production cost and which have less potential than Ashanti?

I would value Lonrho's stake in Ashanti at no less than £500 million, and it would be dire mismanagement if Lonrho has to part with it. If it has to be

sold then in shareholders' paramount interest it must be sold by competitive tender with the approval of the government of Ghana. Our company could cause collateral damage to the economy of Ghana and to our own image if the proudly independent Ashanti Mine becomes just another South African investment, as a result of our board's actions. In view of the help and support the Ghana government always extended to Lonrho it would be a betrayal to make it 'Anglo's Ashanti'.

COMPARATIVE VALUE OF JCI

It is un-nerving, after the heavy costs shareholders have already funded for abortive de-merger and flotation proposals, to see in the British press Lonrho talking of 'due diligence' exercises to value the relative assets of Lonrho and JCI. Lonrho has always been open with its shareholders and cannot need a due diligence - our directors ought to know the value of our company, and SBC Warburg, who are acting for JCL, were acting for Lonrho earlier this year. The due diligence exercise in congection with the Gencor offer to merge with our platinum assets, and the due diligence to prepare our hotels for flotation BOTH resulted in unsustainable figures, in one case too low, and in the other far too high, and BOTH were enormously costly. Neither deal was done. What are we employing the directors for, if they cannot do a good deal for us? In thirty two years as Chief Executive I did not ask for a due diligence, although Lonrho took over hundreds of companies. These are the fiduciary responsibilities of the directors, not of merchant banks. For my own part as a major shareholder of Lonrho I would not want JCI paper, and look to the Lonrho board to protect the company's assets regardless of the friendships or ties they may have in South Africa, where Anglo reigns supreme.

LONRHO - LOSING EVERY ROUND

Shareholders have suffered a number of defeats and wrong turnings at Lonrho. Before entering into these negotiations, can Lonrho's board assure shareholders that this is not a cul-de-sac ending in a further ruling by Brussels on competition grounds due to Anglo's hefty involvement?

Trustees hold Anglo-American's further 18.4% in Lonrho, for sale only to parties not related to Anglo. The present proposals would have the effect of increasing Anglo's overall interest in Lonrho, which was not the intention. The trustees cannot on a reasonable interpretation of their role vote FOR a LONRHO-JCI merger.

Our board previously negotiated a platinum merger with Gencor on terms so prejudicial to Lonrho that I was obliged, for my own peace of mind, to assemble a technical team to oppose it first in Britain and then in Brussels. Even then there was comment in South Africa about the curious relative asset values agreed by the Lonrho board. Time and the record of Impala Platinum, the board's 'strong merger partner', have proved how right I was to do that. I also strongly opposed Anglo's entry since they announced that they had no intention of making an offer to all shareholders, but every intention of enjoying our assets. I wasn't far wrong there, as the share price of Lonrho collapsed.

Our board cannot bring shareholder value to us. They cannot protect the profits Lonrho used to make and have sold our two major cash cows, the Metropole Hotels and the Sugar Estates. What happened to all those pie-in-the-sky flotations and mergers? Where is the £700-800 million for our hotels and that Oh-so-generous Saudi prince? Just a twinkle in a public relations man's glass of Bordeaux, I fear.

CONCLUSION

For today's JCI, Lonrho is a good target. They achieve a London quotation, dilution of the empowerment factor which has not yet attracted a following on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, overseas assets and a perceived opportunity for growth outside the South African economy. Lonrho achieves little – undiscounted South African assets (for JCI has nothing else, barring a small holding in Johnson Matthey), narrowing of the asset base and in my opinion, increased risk in the medium and longer term. Anglo American with SBC Warburg will be able to convince many young analysts that their arithmetic is super. My own view is based on about fifty years successfully developing mining and industrial business across Africa.

Yours truly

Timy Kondende

LONDON, 27 MAY 1997

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Legal fight nipped in the bud at Interflora

By JASON NISSE

THE dozen former directors of Interflora, ousted in a florists' revolt earlier this month, have called off their legal fight to be

The ex-directors, led by David Parry, the former chairman, had claimed that the extraordinary general meeting, which was attended by 960 Interflora members in Warwick on May II. did not have the right to vote them off the board and that there should be a postal ballot of all 2,600 members.

The extraordinary general meeting was requisitioned by Beverly Wood, a florist from Leeds, who was unhappy with plans to change the structure of Interflora, which could have led to a flotation on the stock market.

But yesterday Mr Parry said: "After extensive review of the likely time involved and financial costs of legal action and the effect such action might have on the association and its members, we have decided not to pursue the matter through the

lawyers advising the dozen that they had a case and a petition from 460 florists

supporting them. One of the deciding factors is understood to have been the time court action would have taken. Even if successful, it would be unlikely that a postal bal-lot could be staged before September

Interflora's annual general meeting is scheduled to take place in October and the former directors are aiming to seek re-election.

Geoff Hughes, the Bristol-based florist who replaced Mr Parry as chairman, said Interflora had taken legal advice that confirmed it was right in not having a postal ballot.

Siebe 'Ninja' teams hope to save £50m a year by 2000

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SIEBE, the engineering group, hopes to deliver a powerful kick to its quality control operation by deploying Ninja-style trained engineers. Allen Yurko, Siebe chief executive, said that the company is gradually introducing swat teams of "black-belt" engineers who will be rushed to any Siebe installation that

Two master black-belt engi-neers have been used from late 1995 and 40 more are being trained, in addition to 200 lower level black beits. The programme reaped £8 million of net costs last year. Net savings of about £50 million a year are hoped for by the year 2000, which are expected to drop straight through to profits. It is hoped that greater reliability will also boost sales.

shows a defect.

Siebe, which recently made an agreed £330 million bid for APV, the food manufacturing equipment maker, yesterday reported a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £424 million for the year to April 5. Sales rose 15 per cent to

E3.005 billion. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 54.1p. out of which dividends rise 10 per cent to 14.7p a share, including a 9.8p tinal, up 10.5 per cent. The shares rose 10p to 958 ap. Siebe said that it is targeting underlying sales and operating profits growth of 10 and 15 per cent respectively for 1997-

98 and is confident of produc-



Allen Yurko, left, and Barrie Stephens are confident of producing another "solid overall performance" this year

formance" for the L2 months to March 1998.

Barrie Stephens, chairman, said: "The second half of the year witnessed accelerating organic sales growth coupled with increased profits and margins. Order backlog at the year-end stood at £883 million, 23.4 per cent up on 1996, and

this has given Siebe a very good start for the new year. "Although currencies re-

main a concern, the group is able to manage the situation by flexing production volumes between countries. We do not see any signs of a recession in our main markets - indeed, North America, the Far East and Middle Eastern markets

remain strong and we continue to see some signs of growth in continental Europe. The board is therefore very confident of continuing the underlying growth in Siebe's business operations."

Borrowings have risen during the year to 55.5 per cent of shareholder funds, compared with 40 per cent. During the

creasing his 15 per cent Fairfax

stake while still owning Nine.

lian Government is also considering a proposal to increase

the limits on foreign media

ownership to 25 per cent,

which would clear the way for

It is understood the Austra-

year Siebe took over Unitech. which has integrated well into Siebe and made it a world leader in power control sys-tems for electrical equipment.

The first closing date for Siebe's APV offer is June 5 and it currently speaks for about 9.9 per cent of APV's shares.

Pearson primed to buy Fairfax titles

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

PEARSON, owner of the Financial Times, confirmed yesterday that it is interested in spending up to A\$1.8 billion (£900 million) buying parts of John Fairfax, the Australian

newspaper group.
Robert McKay, managing director of Australian Independent Newspapers, the Pearson-led consortium, said that the group had told the

particularly interested in buying two Fairfax newspapers. the Australian Financial Review and the Melbourne Age, if they became available. The Australian Govern-

ment has indicated that it may liberalise media ownership law to allow Pearson to purchase the titles. Media analysts say that The Australian Financial Review could carry

million, while The Age could fetch up to A\$1.4 billion. The proposal to relax the

media ownership rules in the Sydney and Melbourne markets would also allow Kerry Packer to buy the Melbourne Age and The Sydney Morning Herald, another Fairfax title, while retaining his Nine television network in Australia. Under the existing rules Mr

News Ltd. sister company to News International, owner of The Times, to increase its stake in the Seven television man of Fairfax, condemned

Sir Laurence Street, chairthe reform proposals: "I think

it's an appalling thought that a ... dynamic body such as Fairfax could be allowed to be broken up, let alone have the breaking up encouraged." One media analyst said that the Government would face

strong opposition if it changed the media ownership laws in Mr Packer's favour: "No one thinks it is a good idea to hand Fairfax to Packer."

munications Minister, said: 'Any decision will reflect a need for editorial diversity."

Unit trust prices appear on page 37

Stakis seeks £45m from sale of hotels

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

STAKIS, the hotels group, plans to sell eight three-star hotels, which it believes are not compatible with a portfolio of four-star hotels. The hotels are likely to fetch up to £45 million, which will be reinvested in the three Stakis operating divisions hotels, casinos and health and leisure clubs. The move comes after the £327 million acquisition of five Metropole Hotels from Lonrho last November and the decision to build four hotels, Pre-tax profits for the six months to March 30 rose 86 per cent to £22.2 million thanks to the Metropole acquisition. The half-year dividend rises II per cent to 1.05p out of earnings up from 2.23p to 2.84p. Hotel profits reached £31.6 million. boosted by a maiden EII million contribution from the 19 weeks trading of Metropole. Casino profits fell £1.2 million to £3.5

Norbain chief departs

million. The health clubs made a maiden profit of £600,000,

NORBAIN, the industrial distribution group, revealed yesterday that Mick Daw, the chief executive, is to leave by mutual consent on June 6. Alun John, a main board director, will assume day-to-day responsibility as group managing director pending the appointment of a new chief executive. The group expects to announce a full-year profit of at least £5 million for the year to April 30, against £5.3 million last time. The shares rose 142p to 211p.

Richards close to deal

RICHARDS, the Aberdeen-based textiles company, is close to agreeing the sale of its mill in Newtownards, County Down. Northern Ireland, to Regency Carpets. Richards expects to raise over £3 million from the sale, which will go towards paying off debts. It reported a pre-tax profit of £7,000 for the six months to March 31, compared to a loss of £511,000 a year ago. It will pay a maintained interim dividend of 1.07p on July 1. The company is "circumspect" about its short-term outlook.

Bupa's £34m purchase

COMMUNITY Hospitals is to sell 14 of its 16 nursing homes to a unit of Bupa for about £34 million. Community Hospitals said that the consideration for the disposal included £28.6 million in cash and the assumption by Bupa of obligations amounting to £5.4 million relating to Business Expansion Scheme financing arrangements. Completion is expected to take place on June 17. Community Flospitals intends to concentrate its resources on its hospitals.

Co-op pharmacist ahead

NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE CHEMISTS, the country's leading co-operative pharmacist, saw its trading surplus rise in the year to January 25 from £4.5 million to £4.75 million. Ray Carrington, the chief executive, said that the group was consolidating after a time of rapid expansion. NCC is largely owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, which beat off a proposed bid from Galileo, the corporate vehicle of Andrew Regan.

Apax Finsbury formed

REA BROTHERS, the merchant bank, and Apax Partners, the asset management services to investment trusts. The company, Apax Finsbury Investment Management, will take charge of two trusts with gross assets of £164 million. Apax recently recruited the award-winning team of Mark Tyndall, John Dodd, Derek Stuart and Lindsay Whitelaw from Ivory & Sime.

RAO Gazprom 1996 Annual Results

Extracts from a message to Shareholders from the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Management Committee

"Notable achievements in a complex environment"

 The Company controls the world's largest gas reserves. and its production provided more than a half of Russia's demand for energy resources The Company's taxes amount to 25% of all tax revenues

of the federal budget The Company also proved that it is powerful enough to be the backbone of the national economy during this

difficult period of transition Gazprom's business activities were characterized by stability and reliable supplies to gas consumers in Russia

Stability and reliable supplies to gas consumers Gas production increased by 5.2 hem and 245 wells and

2,889 km of pipeline were put into operation Construction of the Yamal-Europe project, a pipeline from the Yamal Peninsula to Germany, proceeded

Gazprom is capable of producing up to 1,740 min m' of

A stabilization of gas consumption rates in Russia gives us a good reason to look optimistically at domestic sales Last year the total volume of gas deliverable in the future

under long term contracts increased by 51%

Lax payment discipline

Decline in production in the main branches of the Russian economy greatly undermined payment discipline Non-payments for gas by consumers in Russia and "near

abroad" countries reached 68.3 trillion roubles at year end The company received only 61% of sales value of gas

delivered to the Russian market Due to a majority of state sector gas consumers delaying their payments, Gazprom is a net creditor of the federal

Inability to pay on the part of the consumers greatly affected the ratio of the Company's accounts payable to accounts receivable .

· Following extensive discussions with government, the necessity of further strengthening RAO Gazprom as a single entity and the flagship of the Russian economy has been reallirmed

Significant changes to ensure a considerable increase in the Company's effectiveness

During the year, the Company performed extensive preparatory work to introduce significant changes in the organizational structure of the industry, thereby ensuring a considerable increase in its effectiveness

All drilling enterprises of RAO Gazprom were united into one separate company

Subsidiaries engaged in gas production are being transformed into limited liability JSCs to perform only their direct function i.e. gas production

To centralize gas sales, the Company established Mezhregiongaz company, which has branches in more than 60 regions of the country, to improve its financial performance through optimizing cash flows and settlements with gas consumers

Enterprises not related to gas production and transportation will be converted into separate commercial structures and subsequently transferred into enterprises engaged in independent activity

The third stage of reorganization will deal primarily with the system of managing joint ventures established with Gazprom's participation both in Russia and abroad

The objective of structural changes is to promote competition in regional gas markets, expedite payment for supplied gas, reduce overheads and increase the Company's profits

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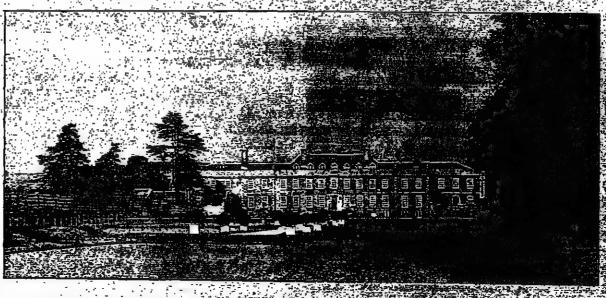
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Chairman of the Management Committee

RAO Gazprom Consolidated Financial Data As At 1 January 1997	Bln. roubles
Fixed assets	359,701
Net assets	471,288
For the year ended 31 December 1996	
iales of products (works, services) less VAT and excise tax	115,536
Balance-sheet profit	45,091
Profit tax	11.876
Net profit	33,215
Profit put to use	23,908
Share of minority in loss	48
Retained profit of reporting year	9,353

The consolidated financial data above were prepared in accordance with Russian accounting standards

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DANCE 1

US choreographer Mark Morris has waited a long time to bring his 1980s hit *L'Allegro* to London



DANCE 2

Belgian export: Alain Platel presents his study in sorrow to London's Turning World festival

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OPERA

Handel proves he is still good box office as the Covent Garder Festival stages his Ariodante



■ TOMORROW

Derek Deane's in-the-round Albert Hall production of Swan Lake is reviewed

DANCE: Why an American choreographer now has two British opera companies on his CV. Plus dance and opera reviews

An Allegro driven by a Morris

Allen Robertson meets Mark Morris

on the eve of his Coliseum debut

othing but the best will do for Mark Morris. Just look at his eclectic list of collaborators. He has devised choreography for Mikhail Baryshnikov and Peter Sellars, and collaborated with the likes of Yo Yo Ma and Paul Simon. Now he is working with English National Opera and Jane Glover, who will be conducting performances by the Mark Morris Dance Group at the London Coliseum next week. "She is fantabuloso," Morris gushes. The mind-stretching Glover."

A man of passionate enthusiasms, who invariably talks in exclamation marks, Morris proudly wears his heart on his sleeve. He an enthusiast, a characteristic which accounts for the joyous radiance that infuses his dances. This is particularly true of the work Morris is bringing to ENO, Han-del's setting of the Milton poems known as L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato:

A triumph wherever it has toured, which is virtually everywhere except Antarctica and London, L'Allegro has been hailed as one of the greatest late 20th-century danceworks. It is a lyrical epic complete with five solo singers, a full chorus and a cast of 24 dancers, all sweeping along on a tide of ebullient energy. It is marvellously disarming deceptive ly simple on its surface, yet filled with a subtly dazzling complexity which only a major artist could spin out with such felicitous ease.

"I'm not anti-London," the chore-

have been no theatres for us to fi into. I mean, come on, the old Sadler's Wells was a joke. I couldn't shoe-horn L'Allegro in there just to be able to claim I'd conquered London, could I? London is important, but there are limits, certain standards you have to uphold for yourself. But, yes, I'm utterly thrilled to finally have the chance to

bring this to London."

Morris, Seattle-born, New Yorkbased and recently turned 40, has a track record second to none when it comes to the Edinburgh Pestival six seasons in a row, each one a sellout. "How did that happen?" he asks himself as his eyebrows head towards the ceiling. "I don't know, but we love it."

This year sees his biggest Edinburgh risk of all, a new staging of an 18th-century rarity, an operabouffe by Rameau called Plates. "I've always loved Rameau, all 18th-century music in fact, but even 1 had never heard of it."

First suggested to Morris by Edinburgh supremo Brian Mc-Master, the staging of Plates opens the Edinburgh Festival on August II. It is a collaboration with the Royal Opera which transfers to the Barbican in London for a month of repertory performances in the autumn

Morris's version, which has outlandish anthropomorphic costumes by Isaac Mizrahi, opens in a sleazy after-hours bar. The story, a crazily askew look at Greek myth, begins with Bacchus as a bartender. There is a terrarium perched on his bar and once we are launched



The American choreographer Mark Morris at home in New York: with the theatre problem solved, he is "utterly thrilled to have the chance to bring L'Allegro to London"

like some dreamworld fantasy, into a very high tenor, a voice that's not the full set for most of the opera.

The whole story is silly," Morris says, "a practical joke. You know, in the 18th century they had head lice, body odour and rotten teeth; but they dressed fabulously and took dancing lessons. For them a big funny joke would be to kick a dwarf in the head. That's not so firmny any more, but the point of this story is to make Juno jealous of the set-up is to have him fall in love with Platee, this hideously ugly swamp thing, who is played by a

used much outside of barbershop quartets.

It is this royal wedding where the bride herself just happens to be rather ugly. She is haughty and horny and powerful. It's like a carnival show in that it deals with the grotesque and the embarras-

Shaking his head and giggling, Morris admits that this is a very Jupiter in order to reunite them. So strange score with "lots of trogs and cuckoos and stuff like that written into the music". As with L'Allegro, his dance company will be taking a ographer insists. "It's just that there into the story itself, this expands. man, as it always was. It's a role for major part in the performances."

The morning after our interview in downtown Manhattan. Morris was due to fly to St Lucia to continue work on the script for a Broadway-bound musical, called The Capeman. It has a score by Paul Simon and is based on the true story of a desperate Latino who

vainly tried to make it in the United

"You know," Morris admits. "I've turned down dozens of Broadway offers, but this one is different. We started by making a list of everything we hated about Broadway musicals and then set ourselves a goal of trying to figure out how to succeed without using a single one of those cliches."

His own company is not involved in the Broadway show. They will be busy performing at the Barbican while he is in the final stages of rehearsals. "My dancers are very special. Some of them, we call them the ancien regime, have been with me for 17 years. Mature dancers are better. All right, part of your job as a dancer is to be obedient, to follow commands: but if that's all you're doing, it quickly becomes

"With my lot, well, maybe they're L'Allegro opens at the Coliseum (0171-

bang as a kid could be, but, frankly, I'm not interested in death-defying. I want fabulous, beautiful artistry. I'm not interested in dancers as Kleenex. I'm not a director who says 'Oh, I need another cute blond for this part who fits this costume." No, that's not what it's about if you wanna make art. OK, I admit that's what I do. You have to get beyond that terrifying sense of 'youth culture', and that's what I do." Morris coos with a smule a buddha. "Embrace it. Use it. That's how you win."

Madness on the mean streets

THE characters in Belgian choreographer Alain Platel's La Tristeza Complice, presented at the South Bank as part of painful emotions. Even with-

disparate collection of the disabled and the dysfunctional is united by sadness.

The setting is a city street, the Turning World festival, the men and women familiar are riding a rollercoaster of sights in the modern urban sights in the modern urban landscape - the kind of out a translation of the title — weirdos you cross the road to A Shared Sorrow — it is avoid. There is a semi-naked immediately obvious that his rollerskating skinhead, an en-

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DANCE La Tristeza Complice Oueen Elizabeth Hall

> raged transvestite, a plain Jane clutching her handbag like a terrified rabbit. A brief moment of lucidity introduces them, but they quickly disinte-grate into chaos, spinning out of control like inmates in a mental institution who have

escaped their minders. The graceless choreography grows out of the characters' strange behaviour: repetitive, violent, sexually aggressive, self-damaging, incoherent and fevered. Bodies are broken and reassembled into misshapen curiosities, duets are murderously athletic, and academic dance is perverted by some heavyhanded mimicking. The movement is in

stark contrast to the meticulous order and harmony of Purcell's music, scored - rather er bizarrely, but also rather effectively - for ten accordion-ists and a female singer (the handbag-clutching Euridike De Beul).

The style of movement, both naturalistic and quirkily met-

aphorical, could grow weary-ing were it not for the superb actor-dancers in Platel's Ghent-based company, Les Ballets C de la B. The portraits they draw of their individual characters are so focused and sympathetic that they suck you into their centre of pain. Platel delivers his theatre straight. It is a dismal world out there on the street, but one where a little friendly tenderness can offer comfort to the wounded. You may be crazy, Platel is saying, but you are

DEBRA CRAINE

Too much too young

HANDEL as performed by the Opera Theatre Company of Dublin, has long been a welcome feature of the BOC Covent Garden Festival, and it is good that with the absence of the Irish team this year the management should have persisted, and engaged the young Early Opera Company for three sell-out performances of Ariodante. Handel is good box office. It is a pity that a less familiar work was not chosen: Ariodante has had much exposure recently, and comparisons are unavoidable.

There is always pleasure in hearing fresh, well-schooled young voices tackling Handel, but capability on its own is not quite enough: there are untold depths of human feeling to be plumbed, and Wednesday's first night was more a matter of the dipping than plunging in headlong. Similarly with the young period instrument players — all perfectly capable, but not quite avoiding the impression of saw-saw-saw. chug-along Handel,

Sarah Alexander's produc-tion is minimal. It is not quite enough to put the cast in 18thcentury frocks and let them get on with it: a coherent dramatic-visual style has to be de-vised, and then executed consistently. Richard Aylwin's set was a large reflective

OPERA Ariodante St Clement Danes

translucent panel, with many through-a-glass-darkly effects. to little discernible purpose. Again, there has been too much inventively staged Handel recently for this to wash.

There were no significant cuts and the dance music was included which, given the absence of dancers, was a curious decision. Some of the cast enunciated Amanda Holden's translation as if the words meant something, others just enunciated. Christine Rice made an engaging smil-ing-damned-villain of Polinesso, her chewing of a peach at the start of the second act splendidly insolent. Jeni Bern sparkled confidently as her dupe Dalinda, and Louise Mott relished Ariodante's virtuoso numbers. One advantage of casting a woman in this castrato role should have been less spectacularly wrinkled stockings, but perhaps chaps - at least emasculated

RODNEY MILNES

ones - are better at these

THEATRE Poetic barn

IRISH

THE stony, grey soil of Monaghan celebrated in the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh provides fertile ground for the latest, probably greatest adaptation of the writer's autobiographi-cal novel, Tarry Flyan, by Dublin's Abbey Theatre. Kavanagh's text pro-vides all the linguistic spar-

dance

kie any adapter might need, from luminous poetic reverie to sprightly Wildean epigram. Nevertheless Conal Morrison, who has adapted and now directs. has enhanced Kavanagh's literary gems with settings of rambunctious, madly

playful theatricality.

Tarry Flynn (James Kennedy), the only male in a small farming family, is buckling under the strain of tending potatoes, while fantasising about writing poetry and seducing the local girls. In truth, the idea of even saying hello to one of the objects of his affection sends him into a sweaty fluster.

Noticing the new energy in Irish contemporary dance, an inspired Morrison has siphoned off all the talent he needs, and has given choreographer David Bolger his head.

The show is bracingly blatant about its first priority: entertainment. The cast leap and climb around their farmyard as though at work in a big top. trapdoors pop to reveal chostly bishops and saints. hidden compartments swing open to release sexual fantasy, cast members play chickens, a snarling, anti-clerical hound and even a new-born calf. Kennedy makes a pow-

erfully attractive Tarry. but everybody on stage pulls their weight. If the production has its faults, they are mainly the faults of flagrant theatrical

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POP3

A recent No 1 hit rekindles interest in Olive's previously unsuccessful debut, Extra Virgin



POP 4

It's a perfect marriage of punk and heavy metal as Foo Fighters ... play live at London's Astoria

Hey Ben, where's Jimi?

POP ALBUMS: David Sinclair thrills

to Ben Harper's rare blend of spirituality with a hard rock edge

BEN HARPER The Will To Live

(Virgin Records America 7243 8 44178, £13.99)

WITH performers such as Keb' Mo', Corey Harris and Eric Bibb all on the way up, a new "black acoustic blues" movement seems to have coalesced around Ben Harper since the Californian singer and slide guitarist released his debut album in 1994. But it is Harper who continues to set the pace, stretching out in various new and unusual directions on his third LP. The Will To Live.

The straight acoustic numbers are, in fact, very much in the minority, and the album is dotted with an audacious variety of sounds, from the big guitar heroics and Arabic-style violin of Glory and Consequence to the breathtak-ing funkadelic horn-section ar-

rangement of Mama's Trippin'. With his hippie/humanist lyrics ("Every moral has a story") and pleading vocal tone, there is something of the folk singer in Harper. But his rhythm section comprising Juan Nelson (bass) and the awesome Dean Butterworth (drums) are more obviously schooled in the power trio tradition of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and never more evidently so than on the barnstorming finale of the title track, which sounds a bit like Hey Joe. It is a rare thrill to hear authentic, back-to-the-roots spiriturary rock edge.

GARRY CHRISTIAN

Your Cool Mystery (Murray Field Music/eastwest 0630-17527, £13.99)

THE Christians were always such a wet group, too old and earnest to be a proper pop band, but too lightweight to be taken very seriously. They quietly withered on the vine in the early 1990s, so it comes as something of a surprise now to find Garry Christian — the bald,

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actually rather good. The ten new songs, all co-written by Christian and producer Andy Wright, have a gritty, British soul swagger, rather in the Roachford mould, but given a modern twist with odd, swirling effects and other, post-trip hop

"I dream my life away/But I don't sleep much." Christian sings on the ritle track, which has to be one of the great, unrequited love songs of this or any year.

The trio boasts a textbook combination of late-1990s talents, comprising keyboard player Tim Kellett (formerly of Simply Red. a keen pop ear), programmer Robin Taylor-Firth (dance/club credibil-ity) and Ruth-Ann Boyle (skinny, spacey-looking singer with an arc-ric cool voice). And with its centre of gravity located somewhere between the mysterious underground noodlings of Portishead and the arch, girl-pop of Alisha's Attic, Extra Virgin is a collection of tremendous stylistic poise if rather

any broader sense of purpose.

PENTHOUSE Gutter Erotica

to be nasty while actually being rather nice. Not so Gutter Erotica by Penthouse, a huge, ugly, slob-bering great brute of an album that will have an instantly purgative effect on your sound system.

interesting-looking one — back with a solo debut.

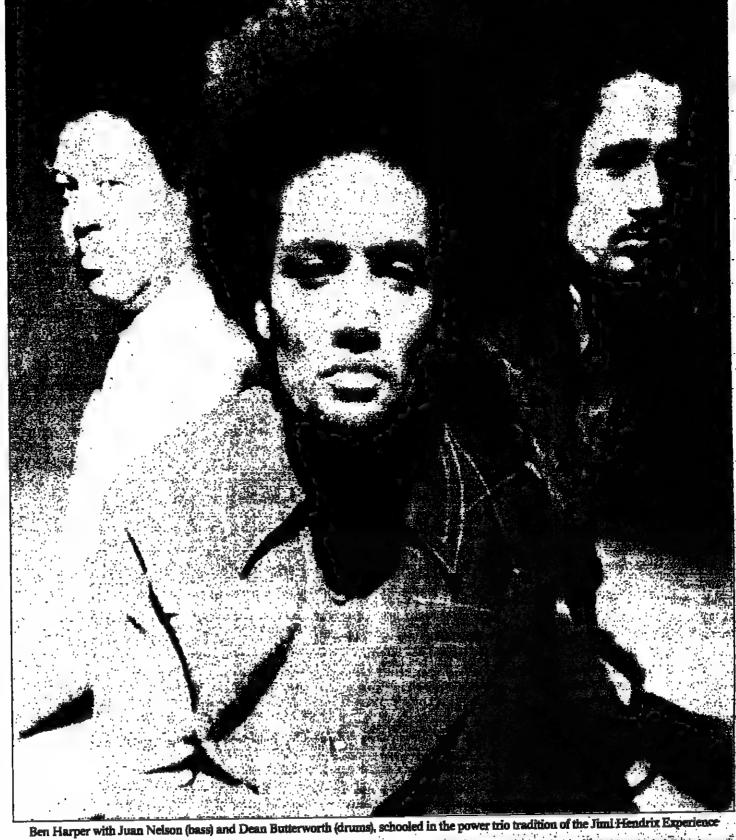
Even more surprisingly, it is production touches.

Extra Virgin (RCA/BMG 74321481142, £13.49) OLIVE'S surprise No I hit. You're Not Alone. has rekindled interest in the group's previously unsuc-cessful debut album, Extra Virgin. originally released last year.

Timing is everything for a sound like this, and after several attempts. Olive have got the moment and the music in sync, at least. But apart from being overshadowed by You're Not Alone, the other songs. with the exception of Miracle, lack

(World Domination/RTM WDOM34, £14.49) SO MUCH of rock music pretends

Although loosely built on blues



foundations, songs such as Road Rash, Harmonic Surf Spastic and Gus' Neck quickly establish a raging impetus that recalls the sonic extremism of Steve Albini's shortlived group Rapeman or, more recently, the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion.

And if you want something slow, then La Grotte D'Amour, with its distinct echoes of Led Zeppelin's Dazed and Confused, and A Deviant Soiree are songs that drag themselves across the speakers like some great desert beast slouching its way towards some hideously perverted nirvana.

Gutter Erotica is about as hardcore as rock'n'roll gets while still being recognisable as music. The amazing thing is that, although they had to go to America to get a recording contract, these guys come from North London. Strike one to those prissy. postmodern Brits.

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High octane rhythms

THE world of Khaled is steeped in drama. The Algerian-born singer. now one of the biggest stars in France, is under constant threat from Islamic fundamentalists of-fended by his dalliance with Western pop culture. Bomb warnings are a daily occurrence and Khaled's dilemma is that the greater his success, the more of a target he becomes for the extremists of the Front Islamique du

This one off London date by the man they call "the king of rai" came in the middle of a hugely successful European tour, and the tight security and a large crowd shoehomed into a venue far too small made for a physically un-

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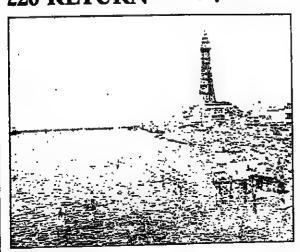
charged evening. In Arabic rai means discourse. but the word has come to signify the music of a young Algeria that openly challenges traditional is-lamic society. Yet it is not necessary to know any of this to appreciate Khaled. His heady hybrid of Islamic-tinged vocals and Western rock accompaniment is exotic but highly commercial. While his voice never strays far from the kasbahs and souks of North Africa, the arrangements possess a finely tuned pop sensibility and his nine-piece band is as unrelenting as a fatwa.

He sings in Arabic and French but his danceable, high-octane rhythms speak a musical Esperanto and his influences are diverse. Wahrane Wahrane and Detni Resekra were full of compelling Maghreb mystery and menace, An extended version of Aicha, the haunting halled which camped out at the top of the French charts for three months at the end of last year. wed something in its phrasing to the great French chansonniers. The reggae-tinged Ouelli el Darek showed that Bob Marley is just as big in Algeria as in the rest of the Third World.

Khaled is a dynamic performer and the crowd whooped, yelled and danced making this easily the sweatiest night since I saw the same show in Paris at the start of the year. When this venue is less than full, one can hear the trains on the Underground rumbling far below. On this occasion passengers on the Northern Line were more likely to have been disturbed by the sounds of a wild night above.

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Grunge storm-troopers go hell for leather



Foo Fighters deliver a thrilling dose of assault-course rock'n'roll at its physical finest

WHAT a dark horse Dave Grohl turned out to be, David Sinclair writes. From drummer in Nirvana to lead singer, guitarist and chief songwriter of Foo Fighters is a career move which still only seems plausible in retrospect. Now onto his second album with them, The Colour and the Shape, he has also become a frontman with a

commanding stage presence. A wiry character with rubberised legs and a voice that alternated between an anodyne drawl and a pierc-ing shriek, Grohl led his troops into an opening salvo of Wind Up. followed by Wattershed at the Astoria on Wednesday, and for a moment the idea that grunge had died with Kurt Cobain seemed faintly ridiculous.

A perfect marriage of punk and what used to be called heavy metal, the sound ricocheted round the hall while Foo Fighters Astoria, WI

bodies tumbled over each other in an abandoned orgy of physical release among the crowd in front of the stage. This massive output of energy by the fans was reciprocated on stage: particularly by stripped to the waist _drummer Taylor Hawkins, whose considerable musical salent was clearly supplemented by the strength and stamma of an endurance athlete. As a celebration of the sheer physicality involved in making music, this performance took some beating.

But it wasn't exclusively a case of triumph through force majeure. Hey, Johnny Park!
a slower song with a sensational chorus, was an early: departure from the hell-forleather format; the whimsical

harmony pop of the group's best-known hit, Big Me, was played with pleasantly under stated affection; and the long, slow February Stars proved their most ambitious song, even if it did expose certain weaknesses in Grohl's voice and fell victim in the early verses to the feverish hum of excitement still coursing through the audience.

Inevitably though, it was the harder, faster songs, dispatched with the well-drilled precision of a dawn raid, that, carried the day. From the pedalling, neo-Ramones stomp of Mankey Wrench, through the hyperactive tem-po and bloodcurdling yells of Enough Space and on to the vast, strobe lit climax of New Way Home and inevitable finale of This Is A Call, the momentum was overwhelming, resistance futile. A thrilling dose of assault-course rock is roll at its finest.

Rooted in sound tradition

LAMMAS Sourcebook

(EFZ Records EFZ 1022) FROM the opening bars, in which a flute and an acoustic guitar join in a rapid Breton dance before giving way to keening tenor saxophone, even before the plangent voice of Christine Tobin or the Uillean pipes of Steafan Hannigan are heard on this. the quintet's fourth album, the sound is unmistakably Lammas's. Much has been made of their "fusion" of Celtic music and jazz, but on this recording, which concentrates on the assured interaction between the three foundermembers, saxophonist/ flautist Tim Garland, guitarist

Don Paterson and drummer

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Mark Fletcher, the band combine folkish purity with fullblooded improvisation so uncontrivedly that the results sound wholly natural. Rooted in tradition (a setting of Burns's Ae Fond Kiss is a delight) yet thoroughly contemporary. Sourcebook is the band's finest album.

MADELEINE PEYROUX Dreamland (Atlantic 7567-82946-2) HAVING spent her late teens busking in Paris, and wowing

Lincoln Center tribute to Duke

which she sang Saddest Tale so affectingly that one observer said: "She might as well have been channelling Billie Holiday". Peyroux is something of a publicists's dream. The Holiday comparison aside, though — and she undoubtedly owes her timbre and phrasing to her great inspiration — Peyroux is that rarity, a singer who can leave her stamp on anything from Patsy Cline to Fats Waller material without a hint of contrivance, and as a result. could become not only the new Holiday, but the new k d lang or Mary Coughian. An excritics and aficionados alike traordinary debut. with her contribution to a

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■ POP 5 Battle for the teen charts: from wannabe Sean Maguire,

who hasn't hit

the big time ...



. to Gary Barlow, who has, the world of boy-pop is proving there's more to life than

the Spice Girls

POP 6





POP 7 Caitlin Moran travels to Tribal Gathering in pursuit of Kraftwerk, the godfathers of dance



■ POP 8

Three and a half years after disbanding the Fat Lady Sings, Ireland's Nick Kelly is back

Sex wars in pop's playground

t is hard not to feel sorry for Sean Maguire. Had he stuck to acting the has been well reacting the has been well reviewed for long-running roles in EastEnders and the drama series.

Dangerfield), his star might still be in the astendancy. His mistake, though the start to be a seried and the control of though, was to want to be a pop hero and, duly armed with a contract from Parlophone, he spent the best part of three years putting out records—hits, most of them, but at a heretoday-gone-tomorrow level of both sales and memorability—and performing to excitable live audiences hured, largely, by the presence of

bigger, better names at the top of teen-appeal bills.

Perhaps because he so patently, nakedly wanted to be loved for his music, such as it is, a particular relish was taken in reporting his disap-pointments. There was the debut album which hardly anyone wanted to buy. The concert cancelled recently because, the gossip columnists al-leged, only four tickets had been sold. The unhappy attempt to remodel his boy-next-door image into something more grown-up and contemporary with a last, unconvincingly Britpop-ish single release. And, finally and on the eve of his 21st birthday, a parting of the ways with Parlophone - coe lots of "Star Sean Dumped By His Label headlines.

Maguire's experience of the pop-world could offer a salutary lesson to other wannabes. Wanting success even achieving if, but in moderation is not enough to satisfy the money men and win you a shot at longevity. As in any industry where image and fashion exert an influence, the magic combination is one of talent, market ability and, perhaps most important of all, felicitous timing. Maguire's misfortune was that he was attempting to sell his wares at exactly the time when a score of other male acts. group or solo, were jostling to benefit from Take That's demise. And many were less successful than he.

So has the concurrent emergence and, as yet, unstoppable rise of their female replacements, the ubiquitous Spice Girls, finally killed off the cover-version-loving, dance-routine-prone and generally vacuous entity that is boy-pop? Not according to Gavin Reeve, the editor of Smash especially fickle end of the music scene. "The Spice Girls are already 100 times bigger than Take That ever

Has the phenomenal success of the Spice Girls left any room for the glamour boys in the teen pop stakes? Alan Jackson reports





Hit and miss: Sean Maguire failed where Gary Barlow looks, for the moment at least, to be succeeding

were," he says. "But what their nucess has done is reaswaken interest in pop music in general, 90 per cent of which is still made by boys. Currently, acts like the Backstreet Boys, 911, 31 and Damage are all getting Top Five hits, doing better than their equivalents were doing back when

Publicist Carolyn Norman supports the view that girl power has

been a total breath of fresh air, and the market has exploded again as a result of what they've achieved. They certainly haven't put the tin lid on male acts, though, - if anything, they've carried some of them along on their coat tails."

She should know, having been worked subsequently with Bad Boys Inc and Gemini, two casualties of the after No Mercy, a trio of Floridabased Cuban-Americans described by last week's Top of the Pop's presenter Mark Radcliffe as looking like waiters, but who find this no handicap in regularly achieving the upper reaches of the charts.

The informed view - perhaps battle for the pocket-money vote only from a distance — is that even the revitalised a tired genre: "They've boy-pop wars. Now she is looking youngest consumers are able to sort

out the wheat from the chaff. One observer, begging not to be named, cited the manufactured Upside Down as having caused the biggest dent in the image of boy-pop. "That BBC documentary about their launch harmed the whole market, making it look as if you could cynically pick four nice-looking blokes, put them in the recording studio, then sit back to wait for the money to pour in. It doesn't work like that. The punters may be young, but they're not so gullible."

Reeve's postbag is daily proof of this, and certainly his magazine has been scathing about those acts (poor Upside Down, even poorer Gemini) whom readers judge wanting. "We receive around 3,000 letters each week, and if 100 of those are saying that Gemini are rubbish then we will take note." And they did. "A Right Pair Of Arses" ran the headline after that duo's naked rears were pictured in the Daily Star. "Gemini hit rock bottom with even more burn notes," ran the copy. "Bleeurgh! And again, hecurrgh! They've done the impossible - made Upside Down look like Oasis in the cred stakes."

that Maguire has escaped lightly, with at least a parallel career into which to retreat. "The Spice Girls would never have got so far if the records weren't convincing." Reeve says. "You need a decent song, a good tune, before people will pay attention. And if you're good-looking and entertaining as well, you've got every chance in the world." Boyzone believe so, having succeeded Take That as our premier boy band. The latter's prime talent, Gary Barlow, certainly hopes so, as he bids to follow George Michael in turning teen-pop stardom into enduring adult appeal. Sadly, Maguire probably hoped and believed it too. but was without that aforementioned magic combination, in particular its crucial timing element. That the line of hopefuls is unend-

ing is made clear by my own postbag. The day after I spoke to Norman. received a press release about her latest charges, an all-male four-piece signed to Polydor. "Code Red have served their apprenticeship, wowed Ass," it reads. All in all, enough to make even a newly-dropped 21-year-

music. It was Trans Europe

Express that was picked up in Chicago clubs and triggered

Chicago House. Trans Europe Express that Afrika Bambaata

plundered for the seminal hip-

hop Planet Rock, All of this is

explained to me by a very cool-

looking boy wearing a miner's

hat as we wait for them to take

to the stage. Unfortunately,

the minute Kraftwerk appear.

in their first live outing since

1991, my PVC fatally over-

heats and I faint like a shiny

sack of potatoes. At The Cool

JAZZ CONCERTS

Taking chances with freedom

IN A recent interview, the New York-based saxophonist Tim Berne encapsulated the problem facing those contemporary jazz musicians dissatisfied with conventional wisdom regarding structure in the music: " don't want to know there's going to be a trumpet solo, then a bass solo, then a piano solo and then they all play the theme at the end . . that's all been done 30, 40 years ago. What we do is take chances when we improvise. You don't know how piece is going to end

because we don't." Two London concerts last weekend, one (at the Purcell Room) by Berne leading two groups. Bloodcount and Paraphrase, the other (at Blackheath Concert Halls) by the dayen of UK improvising planists. Keith Tippett. in charge of the 21-piece big band Tapestry, demonstrated a variety of techniques for dealing with the

Bloodcount, a quintet featuring Berne on alto and baritone, plus tenor, guitar, bass and drums, use written material, but in an unconventional manner. Rather than stating the written theme, improvising on it. then restating it, Bloodcount will either allow it to coalesce from its constituent elements in the middle of what sounds

suddenly switch from extentporised dialogues between, say, alto and tenor, into a wild-sounding head played at breakneck speed, before the piece dissolves again into relative freedom,

Paraphrase, a trio comprising Berne, hass and drums, play totally unplanned, spontaneously immusic approach favoured by the 'splinter" vocal duos and instrumental trio that constituted the first half of Tapestry's concert, though not by the exhibarating big-band

performance that followed. Although Tippett's band played a great deal of written material, its members are drawn from the cream of Europe's freer players. Thus Basie-tight, exuberant, hardswinging composed ensemble passages alternated with extemporised dialogues, or with free interplay involving the entire saxophone section, or simply featured soloists exploring the possibilities of

particular chord sequences. Throughout, though, the music remained firmly under Tippett's control, so that it became the instrument for his improvisational genius, enabling him to take the "chances" to which Berne refers, and - like Berne - to provide enthralling music in the process.

CHRIS PARKER

Oh happy

THOUGH no one escapes from a Manu Dibango concert without indulging in a few dance steps to the insidious beat of Soul Makossa, the presence of the Rev Bazil Meade and his London Community Gospel Choir helped to make this more than an evening of greatest

No matter that the partnership seemed under-rehearsed in places: this meeting of church and Afropop, funded by the British Council, has enormous potential.

Dibango's Interest in religious music is no overnight phenomenon. Flick through the Cameroonian saxophonist's new compilation, African Soul, and you will find a contemporary gospel anthem. Sunday Morning, recorded almost 30 years ago in the company of Aretha Franklin's sister, Carolyn. Before being sent to Paris to study — and to fall in love with the expatriate jazz of Sidney Bechet and Bud Powell - he sang in the

choir of his local church. Dibango could never be described as the most delicate of saxophonists: he evokes the visceral, crowdpleasing aggression of his

Manu Dibango Festival Hall

early idol, the ill-fated American tenor player Ni tis. It may be a limited formula, but it remains a powerful one none the less, particularly when Dibango chose to bounce riffs against the combined voices of the LCGC. If much of today's over-produced gospel re-cordings resemble watered-down Luther Vandross, Meade and his colleagues deliver the old-time, hand-

clapping inspiration. The compact but no less imposing four-piece band stoked up a sleepy reggae pulse on Elongi. Earlier Dibango had opened in an unusually restful mood with a series of seductive saxophone phrases constructed atop the swelling, hymn-like organ chords of his keyboard player and arranger. Fredéric GaillardeL

At the close there were no surprises about the choice of encore, but it is a long time since I have heard Oh Happy Day sung with quite as much abandon.

CLIVE DAVIS

e and dance music get on like cats and neanuts — I'm aware that it exists; I can understand fully why others may gorge themselves; I've even cautiously sniffed it a couple of times; but I still can't

quite work out how I would consume it. My teeth are the wrong shape for grinding it, orsomething. But mindful of a book on the history of the Renaissance, wherein it was detailed that the majority of Venetians thought all the new poetry. literature and art were a load of new-fangled bobbins, I be-came determined to embrace: all that is new and current. Last Saturday's Tribal Gathering - the techno Glastonbury - seemed to be the ideal place to start. It's in the grounds of Luton Hoo, has all the leading huminaries of

dance from the past 20 years playing, and the weather was forecast to be mighty fine.

The first notable difference is that dance people dress up

Swept into the maelstrom

tying. The average rock festivad is full of skinny boys and big girls, all dressed in faded black, talking about how much their parents, like, really screwed them up. Tribal Gathering is full of kit-freaks debating whether to go on the Dodgems now and dance later, or whether it's better to simply dance on the Dod-gems. One boy had painted his head, hair and neck in blue camouflage; there were girls with tinsel, tiaras and baubles knitted into their hair, and the odd, foolhardy disco chick tottering around in strappy red plastic sandals and a silver miniskirt. I felt rather drab in sky-blue PVC and a Mary Poppins hat.
Tribal", as it is called with

gum-chewing briskness, is split into five tents: Planet Earth, Trans-Europe, Arctic,

A Tribal Gathering is just the place to test the potential of dance music

Oceanic and Sahara. Each is decorated with hyper-delic imagination: Planet Earth is hung with vast, milky moons; and Oceanic has a large pink octopus strung from the centre, with its tentacles wound around the internal scaffolding. Planet Earth is the tempo-

rary home of Icelandic electro troubadours Gus Gus - a nine-piece collective from Reykjavik. Of the two lead singers, the 16-year-old Hafdis is the screamingly obvious future star - her cartoon-like, obsidian-eyed beauty is infold by a range of minxy, Ren and Stimpy-like facial expressions as she dances. The bass causes your spine to fold in on itself and implode - just in time for Hafdis to bring calm with her serene lullabying.

MORAN So far, dance music Crossing over the field to the Octopus tent, it's time for Cornershop. Once Third Division indie caterwaulers, the Asian five-piece have spent the

past year touring America.

soaking up hip-hop, funk and

rap. As a result, Cornershop

— dizzy sitar mantras are undercut with booming hiphop beats and a sense of eclectic revelling; it's a Becklike gumbo of joyful experi-mentalism all kept tight by that fist-like drum and bass. I start to believe I've found a way to chew the peanut of dance music. With night falling like a

weary crow, we hie ourselves over to the Trans-Europe tent. Even though it's still two hours until Krastwerk come onstage, their legend is such that we still have to fight through the waiting crowds to get anywhere near the front. It's not surprising — Kraft-werk are the godfathers of dance. It was 1978's *Trans* Europe Express - based on an imaginary train journey, and the incessant rhythm of the wheels - that revolutionised

Festival, during The Coolest Band's set, I am hauled over the security barriers and laid out behind Kraftwerk's four video screens. I have choked on the peanut of dance. I go The upshot of the "Tribal Experiment" is that PVC has left my life forever; Kraftwerk are on the turntable constantly - but only when the air-conditioning is on - and I've started eating a lot of peanut butter sandwiches. Peanuts

Writer Nick Kelly meets the other Nick Kelly — an Irish pop survivor now making a level-headed comeback

CAITLIN

er's get this straight from the start. This writer is not, nor has ever been, the same Nick Kelly who fronted the Fat Lady Sings. I would have remembered. Conversely, the Nick Kelly

who did from that band - one of the most respected Irish rock acts of the 1980s - swears he has never filed copy to The Times in his life. In fact, he works as a copywriter in an advertising agency in Dublin, far from the madding music industry crowd who nearly drove him off the rails.

Now, three and a half years after he disbanded the group, he returns with a new album. That he has no desire to give up the day job is indicative of his rejuctance to go through tance to go through inflirity treadmill again.
Your feel really insecure

One-man band on a trapeze

when you're with record com-panies and trying to get your like cleaning the giblets out of the chicken." panies and trying to get your music on the radio," he says. You worry about things like whether you're fitting in with the zeitgeist and whether you're attractive or interesting

enough. "If you're on a major label, they have expectations of you and then it becomes quite hard to say 'I don't want to do this or I don't want to do that'. Making videos was the part of the job that I had no interest in. If I was a cook, it would be

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The Fat Lady Sings' record

company, EastWest, was as shocked as Kelly's band mates when he decided that the show must not go on. Drunkard Logic, grazing the Top 50 of the UK singles chart, had just registered as the band's biggest success. But the London-based label must have been frustrated that the plaudits heaped on the Fat Lady Sings' two albums, Twist and Johnson, had not translated into cash sales. Nevertheless, the band had built up a sizeable fan base in the UK and Ireland by the time they split up.

boasting a mailing list with an estimated 7,000 addresses. "To receive unsolicited letters from people who don't have to like you but do is very touching, because artists in general are just as insecure as they are arrogant." Kelly says. "Creativity is not born out of confidence but insecurity; it's a question, not an answer. There's always a part of you that's saying 'Please like me, please justify my existence'."



Nick Kelly: "On a major label, they have expectations"

It was the loyalty of these admirers upon which Kelly drew when it came to financing his first solo album, Between Trapezes, which was released this month. Loath as he was to cede artistic control of the project, Kelly by-passed the usual route of record company funding and raised the necessary money by writing to his lans and getting them to invest in its recording. In return for sending the retail price of the album to Kelly by

post, each was guaranteed not

just a copy of the CD on its completion but a mention on the sleeve notes as well.

In securing independent distribution for the album in the UK, the final piece of the jigsaw fell into place. Appropriately Kelly named his label, on which he is the sole artist. Self-Possessed Records.

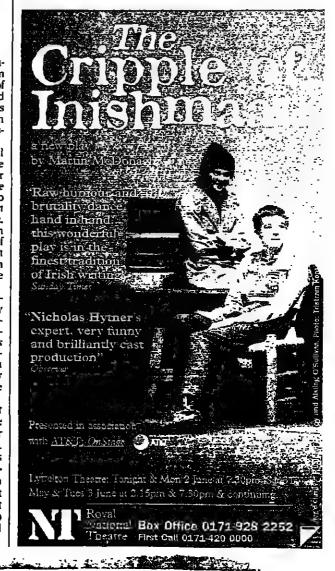
Indeed, an apposite title would be Do It Yourseli -- but the Seahorses have already got that hase covered. As it is, Between Trapezes is just as apt a name for an album that

deals with the emotional gymnastics of relationships. From the bare-knuckled defiance of Crawl to the bare-hearted lament of Tiburon Prayer, it is at its most poignant when documenting the bruises sustained after the fall.

"Everybody is waiting to fall in love." Kelly declares. "We're all waiting to be bereaved or waiting to be saved or to have some truth told to us. And so much of our life is just trudging through anaesthetic. But every so often you have an aesthetic - a moment of actual feeling. Even if I don't sell another record, it is worth it if I can truly represent these moments in my music."

An acoustically-driven collection of mature, carefully crafted songs (including col-laborations with Boo Hewerdine). Between Trapezes features musicians hand-picked by Kelly, including a string section, but it is unlikely that a steady group will be

"I enjoy the freedom of not being in a band any more. The explains, "because I've never been a very good politician. We all tailor how we express ourselves to accommodate other people. Typically, women are much better than men at saying 'This is what I want and this is why I want it. so therefore you must do it. I find that harder to say."



Suzanne Vega

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CHOICE I

Laurie Anderson's exhibition opens this summer's Meltdown festival

VENUE: From today at the Festival Hall, London



■ CHOICE 2

Kiri Te Kanawa sings Amelia in a revival of Simon Boccanegra

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Royal Opera House



ECHOICE 3

Composer Iannis Xenakis is feted during a weekend of contemporary music VENUE: From tonight at the Guildhall, Brighton



THEATRE

A production to cherish: A Midsummer . . . Night's Dream comes to Regent's Park

LONDON

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THEATRE: A fine production of the Bard in London; a tale out of Africa in Leeds

A dash of moonlit magic

Toolishly forgetting to remind myself that performances at the Open Air take place in the open air, I arrived lightly jacketed as for a summer afternoon. I won't make the mistake again, but only the occasional shiver shook my shoulders because the quality of Rachel Kavanaugh's production is so completely ab-

> A Midsummer Night's Dream Regent's Park

sorbing: ingenious, well-spo-ken, handsomely costumed and emphatically funny.

At the back of David Knapman's set stands a handsome ecclesiastical ruin, with laburnum dangling over the window arches. It is probably a folly in the grounds of the Duke's palace because cushions and a peacock-backed garden chair are placed near by. But the ivy-hung walls make an equally fitting background for the forest scenes. where both fairies and artisans can come clambering through the windows, and Oberon and Puck perch on top to watch their plots ravelling to the happy end.

Costumes are Edwardian. and in the opening scene, where the mood presented is that of a garden party, Kavanaugh offers us a glimpse of the wider community by bringing on the artisans as extra staff. Strictly speaking, the palace would not be likely to engage tinkers and joiners to carry its chairs but the device invites us gracefully into the spirit of the play, where classes mingle but difany words are spoken we see extravagantly, and from such the sort of women of the town ed movements required to the artisans gaze in awe at an extremity where can she eyed by young Edwardian. entice the lovers across the JEREMY KINGSTON



Chook Sibtain (Lysander), Claire Carrie (Hermia) and Michael Higgs (Demetrius) frolic on David Knapman's set

Debby Bishop's Hippolyta, an exotic beauty treading the same earth as themselves.

Claire Carrie gives us a spunky little Hermia, who also sounds as though she knows about the classical images she invokes. Initially I was less convinced by Issy van Randwyck's Helena, whose hat (worn throughout the play) seems to be decorated with fluttering wood shavings. ferences are respected. Before From the start she whimpers shiny frocks and stockings, are between, where the complicat-

go? We have to wait till the confusions scene, much later in the play, for her to find

somewhere. The production conceives the fairies as sexually uninhibited creatures, the erotic force that underlies mortal activity. though I notice that this conceit carries us into the world of the streetwalker. The attendants of Titania (Serena Evans), dressed in a wealth of

blades in the gallery of the old . stage could be used to illus-Albambra. Yet here again trate a sprite's Kama Sutra. Kavanaugh's sense of a manylayered but integral community is conveyed.

John Padden's excellently louche Puck, grinning and angular, might have been picked up by Rob Edwards's Oberon in a Piracus bar. But this persona, part kept boy, part playful meddler, is a fine base for his sole as go-

The Pyramus and Thisbe routine finally goes a bit over the top but this is no matter. Its players make an attractive. simply distinguished team of workmen, led by Ian Talbors jolly Bottom, whose expression of relief on discovering that he no longers wears ass's ears is a moment to behold.

But the production as a whole

is one to cherish.

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Things fall apart in Chinua Achebe's classic Nigerian novel. but they fall apart with a poetry and grace that hang like a pall over the twilight years of a close-knit African clan. Whenever those unholy empire builders, the Church and Oueen Victoria, appear on stage they are usually pursued by an artist with a machete to grind. But like the true theatrical alchemist he is, adapter Biyi Bandele turns this melancholy polemic about the erosion of tribal culture into a striking piece of storytelling.

Set on a circle of golden sand, the 13 actors deliver an exhilarating exhibition of ensemble playing that captures the complex fabric of the Igbo community. The play begins and ends with the death of a revered warrior. Okonkwo, and it is the shape and crisis points of his life that give the play its

A terrible beauty

Things Fall Apart West Yorkshire Playhouse

elliptic structure. Narrated by Andrew French's Obierika, we see the young Okonkwo grow from Chukwuma Okoye's sincere yam grower to a strutting bearded elder. Punctuated by thrilling demonstrations of Nigerian. drumming and wild dusty dancers, Chuck Mike's production sketches the comic, sometimes fraught chemistry Okonkwo has with his clan and his gods. A bad year for yams mingles uneasily with the gossipy news of the

creeping, and creaky, white influence. The play takes off with Okonkwo's adoption of a 15-year-old boy from a neighbouring tribe, and a subsequent ruling by the oracle that the boy must be sacrificed. As the tribesmen walk the unsuspecting Ikemeruna into the forest to carry out their savage duty, we are made intensely aware of the awful moral predicament of a father prepared to slaughter his son to satisfy the spiritual needs of his clan. Wearing his charisma like armour plating, Yoru A. Michaels effortlessly imbues his warrior with heroic dignity while the male elders, many played by females, sit on small stools, drink palm wine, and

distill their experiences into proverbs. There is something almost Old Testament in the way evil spirits and the "powerful magic" of the white man conspire against the older Okonkwo. The accidental killing of a fellow tribesman and Okonkwo's enforced exile become inextricably entwined with the arrival of missionaries, and the building of a church and school. Okonkwo stands outside, itching to fight, as his kinsmen, much worse his family, are colonised before his eyes. Sometimes the storytelling feels too pure and simplistic to hold the weight of the ugly emotions it generates. But

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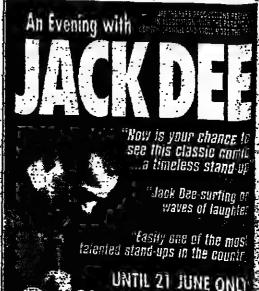
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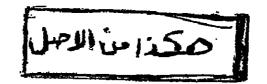
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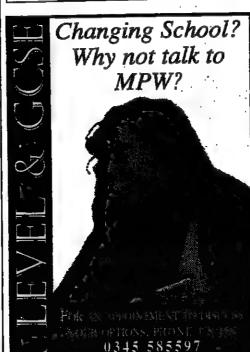
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Who respects teachers?

We made teaching

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owhere is the influence of England's history more damning and cancerous than in the status of teaching and teachers in England. English culture does not respect teachers, it merely needs them. To say that this is because teachers are not highly paid is to put the chicken before the egg. It is because teachers are not highly regarded that they are not highly paid. Some of the reasons for this - perhaps even most of them - lie in history.

We made a serious mistake when we created our first state educational system in the 1870s and 1890s. We went for the cheap option in that, in a class-ridden society, blue-collar workers would accept the apparent promotion to white-collar status as part of their payment. Workingclass recruits were chean and there in large numbers. There was no outery from the chantering classes: middle and upperclass children were safely hived off to public schools, so what could be more apt than working-class children being taught by working-class teachers?

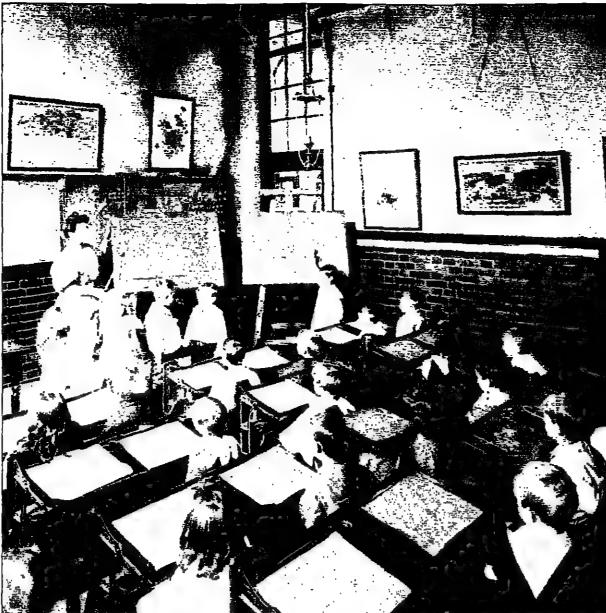
In Germany, a different course was taken, with appointments to key posts going to those from highly respected universities. Hence the title of "Herr Professor" was given to teachers, which commanded respect in the community. We made teaching a working-class trade. not a profession. It has suffered ever since.

It is easy to view teaching as a lowly occupation. Everyone thinks that they can teach a bit and everyone thinks they know about schools — after all, most adults do some of the former with their children. and all of them went to school for up to 13 years. I know plenty of people who reckon that they could knock some sense into a Ridings class but who would never dream of sitting in a GP's surgery and doing his

Viewing teaching as a rather lowly trade is, therefore, easy. I remember Bob the decorator. He could do the walipaper. slap on the emulsion and do a reasonable job with the gloss, but I knew I could do it almost as well if only I had the time. Instead. I paid him to do it, and patronised him every time I brought him a mug of tea. People do the same to

teachers all the time. Another more recent and disastrous mistake was the creation of teacher training colleges. Scotland has far more respect for teachers than England. This also has much to do with that country's history, and in particular their decision for many years not to allow anyone to enter teaching who did not have a degree from an established university. The result was that immediate status was conferred on all those who taught. Our chosen path was to create special "colleges" teachers, which subsequently offered a "special" degree, the BEd. For many years, acudemics at recognised universities were reduced either to apoplexy or tears of laughter at the academic standard required for these "degrees".

In one instance, a first-year university mathematics paper proved too difficult for



Class distinction: the Victorians made the first mistake by seeing teaching as an option for working-class boys made good

the final-year undergraduates in a BEd mathematics degree and had to be watered down. In another, a mildmannered don from Durham University's English department was an external moderator and failed over half of the final-year English specialists at a leading college. He was told that he simply could not do that sort of thing. They all passed. The don resigned.

Not all training colleges were bad, of course. Loughborough, for example, put PE on the map as a specialist subject almost single-handedly. But overall, teacher training colleges and the BEd sent out a statement that teaching was for those who could not get into a good university. Even though training colleges have now been converted into departments of universities, in many the culture has not changed. What a double historical whammy: the Victorians seeing teaching as an option for working-class boys made good, and the postwar period seeing it as a course for those who could not get a

proper degree.

The answer? First we must pay teachers more and make the job more worthwhile - but it is far easier to do that if entry to teaching is restricted at secondary level to those with decent A levels and a demanding degree from a demanding university. Teachers with an MA, MSc or a PhD get a pathetic increment for their pains. It discourages the best brains from entering teaching. and is no incentive for teachers to feed their brains. However, paying teachers higher salaries also means that they must be held more accountable, like other

econd, the Government's promise of a General Teacher Council must mean the creation of a professional organisation to control teaching and have some say on standards in the profession, just as lawyers have the Law Society and doctors the British Medical Association. If the Government can give control of the economy to the Bank of England, it can give control of teaching to teachers.

Third, it should be recognised that the one career guaranteed not to be well represented at a school's careers fair is teaching. Young people should be targeted for a career in teaching while they are still at school. In particular, there should be secondment schemes whereby potential teachers can work for a period in industry so that they come into teaching with experience of the real world, respect from the community and a sympathy for

industry. Fourth, those who seek to join the inspectorate are often those who have failed to make any great success of their teaching careers and seek an alternative career in inspection. The inspectorate should have at its core the best teachers who are seconded to inspect for one, two or three-year terms, thereafter being allowed back into school with their

much as their career prospects.

None of these proposals will wipe out the bad effects of history but they might allow some of them to be neutralised. ● Dr Martin Stephen is High Master Manchester Grammar School

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Change a child's life with music

Dalya Alberge on the composer behind a foundation supplying musical instruments

A LEADING American film music composer is planning to set up a foundation that will allow cashstrapped British schools to buy and

repair instruments for their pupils.

Michael Kamen, whose scores have heen heard in blockhusters such as the Die Hard movies and 101 Dalmatians, and who has also written for rock stars David Bowie and Eric Clapton, says: If we can get instruments into kids hands, we might keep weapons and drugs out of them. We might be able to introduce them to a world that will change their lives."

The foundation will donate some \$250,000 (£156,000) a year to the cause "I was raised in an era

when the school sysabout the students to provide them with the tools for learning," says Kamen, "whether was with maths books, wood, a vat of day or musical instruments. That's all gone." Earlier this year, he established a similar foundation in America: the Mr Holland Opus Foundation, a charitable organisation. The inspiration for it came from Mr Holland's Opus, a 1995 film star-



for which Kamen wrote the music. It tells the story of an inspirational teacher who, after 30 years at a school, is forced by budget cuts to retire. His pupils club together and, in a surprise homage, arrange the

first performance of his symphony. Kamen, who divides his year between America and Britain, educated his own children in England. On both sides of the Atlantic, he began to realise that Hollywood had reflected true life in schools today: "If they don't fire teachers outright, they don't hire new ones if someone retires. They have eliminated hours from the day.

On a visit to his old school in New York, a school "filled with Mr. Hollands", he had been shocked when a teacher showed him a room packed with broken, sad instruments. He had to give something back and, with help from the corporate sector, set up the foundation with Dreyfuss.

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As budgets are cut further, schools increasingly place learning a musical instrument farther down the list of priorities. A MORI survey last year revealed a nationwide shortfall of more than 700,000 instruments, including 117,000 recorders, 60,000 electronic keyboards, 38,000 guitars and 30,000 flutes. Music tuition was increasingly

dependent on the parents' ability to pay.
However, research from Switzerland last year found that music actually helped children to develop their language skills. A three-year study involv-ing 1.200 children aged between seven and 15 found that those who took extra music lessons were noticeably better at

languages; younger children saw their reading improve.

That was because the way children learn music has parallels with the way in which they learn a language listening and repeating what they hear. Learning to play an instru-

The composer says:
"Mr Holland in the film made a difference to his kids. In the real world, it is up to all of us." He adds: "We can't change the curriculum and the supply of schoolteachers. But we

can step in and supply them with instruments. That's an achievable goal.

THE AMERICAN foundation invites schools to contact it and fill out a questionnaire describing what they need. It is run by three retired teachers, one of whom taught Kamen.

The American organisation is, Kamen says, "doing very well. We've given a fair number of Instruments away." Each year, the composer hopes to see the foundation assist another 50 to 75 schools and introduce children "to a world that will change

their lives".

One child wrote to them describing how life at home was so unbearable that music was the only thing that kept him sane. Kamen hopes that he can help British children from next

Video conferencing can help child therapy, writes David Charter

echnology developed by international companies for global boardroom links is being adapted to cut the costs of specialist teaching for schools.

Video conferencing, already used by some enterprising schools to link up with pupils overseus to develop foreign language skills, will help younger children struggling with the hasics of communication itself. Video conferencing involves

a screen and video camera in two or more locations, enabling people in each place to converse and see each other as if they were in the same room. Widely used for business meetings, a trial project is being launched today to help speech therapists to stay in regular contact with the growing number of children with speech disorders.

The national education charity I CAN estimates that there are 35,000 children aged four and under with communication problems who can benefit from regular therapy. Itean be difficult and costly for a school to continue giving them the help they need when they move to their local primary, because of the time needed for regular visits to a speech therapist for guidance both for

the child and their teacher. I CAN, an aeronym that originally stood for Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide when it was founded as a charity in 1888, and which now concentrates on helping children to overcome communication difficulties, has won government funding to test the use of video conferencing in continuing the specialist help. The charity's nursery in Salisbury will be linked up with four schools around the city for the Teach Speech project, helping up to 20 children, Alison Barker, of I CAN, says: "Whenever you start moving people around

The speaking window of opportunity



Kyle Payne and Nicky Cooper linked to a speech therapist

there is a huge amount of time wasted. It has been calculated that when you take a child out of school to visit a specialist, they actually lose an hour's education just waiting around and travelling.

There is also the fact that

speech therapist charges of 280-4100 an hour include travelling time from school to school. Video conferencing will cut out these costs.

"The aim is also to deliver high quality therapy," Ms Barker adds, "A therapist will probably serve an extremely wide area and spend an awful lot of time travelling and seeing children on a very sparadic basis. Their haison with a school would usually be by letter or telephone.

The video link means the

therapist is always accessible. This is especially helpful if the teacher finds the child is making progress a lot quicker than expected and needs to ask the therapist to adapt their programme of work. We predict that our therapist will be able to serve four times as many children in the same

amount of time. The expertise of the therapist will also be passed on to reachers and helpers in the schools themselves Nicky Cooper, an educational support assistant at St Martin's infant school in Salisbury. says the help given to her to work with three children has

been invaluable. "It gives me a weekly link that I would not normally have," she says, "I can take the

work the children have been doing and show the speech therapist. She gives us her advice on what to do, then it is up to us to use that advice as best we can."

This three-year trial project

is being assessed by researchers from the University of Glasgow who will monitor whether the children make better progress and whether their schools and teachers find it as satisfactory as the previous system of personal, but less frequent, appointments. The £230,000 cost has been

met by a grant from the Department of Trade and Industry and I CAN, with expert help from BT. Engineers from the telecom company's laboratories in Ipswich. Suffolk, have been working to adapt the equipment from hoardroom use, where the microphones and cameras are needed to relay a group meeting, to the noisy nursery setting, where it is important to pick up very clearly the sounds and facial movements of therapist and child.

ardware for each school is estimated to cost £15,000, which sounds a lot, but is less than the annual £30.000 cost of sending a child to a specialist residential school rather than remain-

ing in their local primary.

Ms Barker says: This means the therapist can come to the child rather than the child to the therapist. The intention is to prove not only that this is suitable and a beneficial way to provide certain therapy services, but to show it is cost-effective for local education authorities."

Nicky Cooper adds: "Videoconferencing could also be of use to occupational therapists or physiotherapists who could show what they require to be done with the child or demonstrate games or exercises for them. The potential is huge."





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Juventus 'dynasty' turns to dust

FROM OLIVER HOLT, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT,

THEY had taken to the restaurants and the beer cellars to try to forget, but in the bright light of early morning, reality came flooding back for Juventus fans yesterday. Sprawled, half asleep, on rows of chairs as they waited for their flights at Munich airport, they were trying to take in how their team, supposedly unbeatable. had surrendered the Euro-

Few, even among the neutrals and the experts, had seen it coming. Most had predicted a comfortable Juventus victory to go with the clutch of trophies already in their cabinet. It was thought that they would win at a canter and become only the ninth team to retain the prize.

If anything is to be learnt from events in the Olympic Stadium here on Wednesday night, though, and Borussia Dortmund's 3-1 victory courtesy of two fine finishes from Karlheinz Riedle and a marvellous chip by Lars Ricken - it is that "repeating", as the Americans are fond of calling it, may be on the verge of dying out.

This Juventus team, the team of Zidane, Deschamps. Del Piero and Boksic, was supposed to be just the start of a great dynasty, a team that would emulate the feats of the great AC Milan team of Baresi, Gullit and Van Basten, a team that would dominate European football until the end of the century.

Admittedly, they had an offnight in front of a 70,000 crowd, and it would be utter folly to suggest that they will not bounce back next year. They have, after all, just

secured the Serie A title again. Their failure, though. against a team packed with players who once graced their colours, was a neat reminder that the freedom of movement brought about by the Bosman ruling, coupled with the vast amounts of money swelling clubs' coffers, are beginning to mitigate against prolonged dominance by one team, just as the development of free agency has done in the National Football League in the

Juventus will be back in the Champions' League next season and are bound to be among the favourites, but even domestically the competition will be tougher for them. They may lose such players as Deschamps and Del Piero, who scored their goal on Wednesday. At the same time, they are likely to be facing an internazionale side holstered by the £50 million signing of Ronaldo from Barcelona and a Milan team strengthened by the recruitment of Patrick Kluivert from Aiax.

There have always been changes from year to year, of course but, increasingly, the best players are concentrated at the top clubs, which have money to burn and few commodities to lavish it on-

Liam Brady, who had played so fluently in the black and white stripes of Juventus during his distinguished Italian sojourn, stressed that point as he walked among the disconsolate supporters at the airport. Now Arsenal's head of youth development, Brady is still one of the most thoughtful and knowledgeable commentators on the modern game and his trip to Germany had included a visit to Bayern Munich's training facilities on the outskirts of the city.

Brady said that he had chatted with his old friend and Inter team-mate. Karl-Heinz much of the responsibility for Bayern's transfer dealings. "He says it's getting really tough," Brady said. "The tough," Spanish, in particular, are coming on strong, really strong, searching for players.

There is a lot of competition for the best players now, a lot of money at a lot of clubs. The last team to really dominate were AC Milan, but it is going to be hard for anyone to emulate them. There is more strength more widely spread.

"Juventus will get harnmered in the Italian papers. but anyone can have an offday. I think maybe they were built up to be more than they are, but they are still an excellent team. It was just that Dortmund were on top of their



Deschamps could be one of the first casualties of Juventus's surprise reverse

Dortmund's chances of staying right at the top appear slimmer than Juventus's. Packed with internationals, their team, nevertheless, featured just one player who was under 25 - Ricken, the substitute, who scored with

his first touch. Riedle and Chapuisat, who played with the same almost telepathic understanding that has helped to make Alan

Sheringham such an effective pair for England, have been dogged by injuries this season and Riedle. In particular, is in the autumn of a fine EUROCT.

Matthias Sammer, the European football of the year, who is everyone's model sweeper, is rumoured to be on the verge of being driven into retirement because of injury, and Jürgen Kohler, ever resoone more season at the top left in him. Even Paul Lambert, the Scotland midfield player. filched by Dortmund from Motherwell as one of the Bosman free agents, has talked about being homesick.

That may change now that his club are champions of Europe, but the pace of the progress of others may find them out when they attempt to defend their crown next

Fantasy Formula One race hots

BADMINTON

Dong Jiong forced out through illness

By RICHARD EATON

men's singles bronze medalwinner, now has a reasonable chance of collecting another world championship medal after the Essex-based Dane was given a walkover to the quarter-finals by the withdrawal of the top-seeded All-England champion, Dong Jinng, in Glasgow yesterday.

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Olympic shampion, Poul-Erik

Hoyer, wilso pow lives in Milton Keynes: Hoyer and Sther often prac-

tise with the England squad, but the English themselves

again failed to deliver, and

The Chinese player was taken to hospital with a templace next month. Alarmingly little progress seems to have been made in perature of 40 degrees Centi-grade and advised by a doctor no longer to try to compete with a fever with which he has acquiring a new stadium in which to play next season, now that the Goldstone Ground the dub's home since been struggling since Tues-1902, has been sold to day. Dong was so clearly the best player in the team event A ground sharing scheme last week that the potential moral boost is considerable to

with Gillingham remains a possibility, although the more likely alternative is a move to the nearby dog track in Hove. However, it appears that no work has been done on the stadium in the past five weeks. Dick Knight, who was hailed as the club's saviour when he became chairman, has refused in communit.

Brighton's

future

remains in

doubt

By BRIAN GLANVILLE.

BRIGHTON are still in peril.

The club, which avoided rele-

gation from the Nationwide

eague third division on the

last day of the season, could

vet be voted out when the

eague's annual meeting takes

If the League is not satisfied with Brighton's assurances when it meets on June 14 and 15. it is possible that chibs could give the necessary 75 per cent support to moves to expel them.

Mohamed Al Payed has succeeded Jimmy Hill as chairman of Fulham, the new-ly-promoted second division club. The chairman of Harrods, who has also be-come the club's major shareholder, yesterday promised to invest heavily in Fulham and restore it "to its former giory". Al Fayed said: 1 ans delighted to have this oppoptunity to invest in such a great and historic football club. am totally committed, both personally and financially, to the plans for the revival of the

Sheffield Wednesday have announced a ticket scheme that will allow children to see the majority of FA Carling Premiership matches at Hillsborough free next season. Under the scheme, two adults can take two children under-16 for free, and four more can

THOMAS STUER, the 1995 trouble after making an obscene gesture during a second round men's doubles defeat. Last week he was reprimanded for using foul language to a steward. Yesterday Archer made a gesture to his opponents as he and Chris Hunt. once the European champions, were beaten 18-13, 15-5 by the third best Danish pair of Jens Eriksen and Kenneth

BY SUITE. The umpire apparently did not see it, but Steve Baddeley, the England manager, did. "! am going to have a meeting with Archer about this and several incidents which took

place here," he said.
There was some consolation with a good second-round win for John Quinn and Nick Ponting, who beat the No 6 seeds Lee Wan Wah and Choong Tan Fook, of Malaysia: 15-11, 15-12. They were skilful at the net and clever in the way they slowed the pace down. It was quite a relief amidst the English disasters.

Obree absence leaves title race wide open

BRITAIN will have a new 25-mile time trai champion on 25-mile time trial champion on Supriasy after Gracine Obree, the will not be defending his title, even though his title, even though his form is "reasonable fleter fryan writes."

Sports Council National Lottery grants be cannot afford to detect in the to main properly for, and connecte in, domestic

for, and compete in, domestic and international events.

Obree's absence leaves the race wide open on a course near Yarm. North Yorkshire. with a mix of the old staf new among the suit entry of 136 certain to pot an extra edge to

Not many champ turn for a several stall at the

gives every impression he will be among the medals. He won the Tour de France time trial stage in 1988 and, in his first full season in Britain since retaing from international road racing, has already won.

For someone now 37, that is sufficient to impress many of his potential challengers who are almost half his age.

Rob Hayles, runner-up last year and back this week from the Tour of Holland, is hoping that the ten day race has no sapped the speed from his

Chris Newton is another Who has resumed from the continent for the trial on Sunday: he finished five

EXCLUSIVE TIMES NEWSPAPERS GRAND PRIX COMPETITION



HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED IN BARCELONA

DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prox within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole J Villeneuve 30 points; 2nd HH Frentzen 25: 3rd D Coulthard 24; 4th J Alesi 23; 5th M Hakkinen 22; 6th G Berger 21; 7th M Schumacher 20; 8th G Fisichella 19; 9th R Schumecher 18; 10th J Herbert 17; 11th E Irvine 16; 12th O Panis 15; 13th G Morbidelli 14; 14th M Salo 13; 15th D H# 12: 16th S Nakano 11; 17th R Barrichello 10; 18th J Trulli 9; 19th J Verstappen 8; 20th U Katayama 7. Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix;: 1st J Villeneuve 60 points; 2nd O Panis 50; 3rd J Aleşi 40; 4th M Schumacher 30; 5th J Herbert 29; 6th D Coulthard 28; 7th M Hakkinen 27; 8th HH Frentzen 26; 9th G Fisichella 25; 10th G Berger 24; 11th J Verstappen 23; 12th E Irvine 22; 13th J Magnussen 21; 14th G Morbidelli 20, 15th J Trulli 19.(Only 15 finished), Lap points (one point for each Jap completed): J Villeneuve 64 points; O Panis 64; J Alesi 64; M Schumacher 64; J Herbert 64; D Coulthard 64; M Hakkinen 64; HH Frentzen 64; G Fisichella 64; G Berger 64; J Verstappen 63; E Irvine 63; J Magnussen 63; G Morbidelli 62; J Trutli 62; P Diniz 53; R Schumscher 50; R Barrichello 37; M Salo 35; S Nakano 34; D Hill 18; U Kateyama 11. Improvement from starting

grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place); O Pants 30 points; J Magnussen 27; J Verstappen 24; J Herbert 15; M Schumacher 9; J Trulli 9; J Alesi 3, Fastest top time of grand prix: G Fisichella 10 points. Penalty

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CONSTRUCTORS Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Williams 30 points; Prost 25; Benetton 24; Ferrari 23; Sauber 22; McLaren 21; Jordan 18; Tyrrell 16; Stewart 14; Minardi 12. Persetty points incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): Jordan-10 points. Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): Arrows-20 points; Jordan-10; Prost-10; Tyrrell-10; Minardi-10; Stewart-10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted; none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points

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Broadhurst pitches for place in the team

FROM MEL WEBB IN HAMBURG

THE RYDER Cup - three little words that draw the best from some people and induce chest pains, dry mouths and clammy hands in others. There are dozens of professionals playing on the PGA European Tour who would take flight if they were ever in a position to win a place in golf's premier team competi-tion — Paul Broadhurst is

emphatically not one of them. For the second time in his careet. Broadhurst has fallen away a touch in his attempt to claim a Cup place, but the last occasion that it happened, he held his nerve, got what he was looking for, then played as well as anybody in the Europe team, coming away from Kiawah Island with a 100 per cent record.

FIRST ROUND

68: P Broadhust. 69: A Binachi (th, B Lane, MA Martin (Sp). 70: S Hurley, R Wessels (SA), E Canonica (th, R McFarfare, R Chapman, D Robertson, R Goosen (SA); M Grotherg (Swe), D Carter, A Johnstone (Zim), J Robson, 71: N Restin (Swe), S Bottomley, S Webster, P Curry, B Hughes (Aus), P Mitchell, B Langer (Gen), C Suneson (Sp), I Garrido (Sp), M Haliberg (Swe), V-Phillice.

Broadhurst, who takes a one-stroke lead into the second round of the Tournament Players' Championship of Europe at Gut Kaden today, was off the pace in the latter part of 1991. Then he produced a sequence of nine birdies in ten holes to win a tournament at Hoylake and, when faced with the challenge of finishing second in the last qualifying tournament to get in the team, did precisely that.

He started well this year and a succession of high finishes put him in a powerful pregnant wife, Lorraine — she has now given birth to their third child. Sam — and a six-week lanse have led to a drop to tenth in the table while others around him have been coining it in like fury. He has 211,754 points, 43,000 behind Lee Westwood, the ninth man, and thinks he will need at least

350.000. Some folk have a tendency to beat breasts and/or bellow from reoftops when talking about themselves, but Broadhurst is cut from more modest cloth. However, in his case self-effacement should not be confused with a lack of determination, and his 68, which contained five birdies, one bogey and a parsimonious 27 putts, was a typically gritty round that put him ahead of fellow Cup contenders Miguel Angel Martin, Barry Lane and

Albert Binaghi. "I didn't feel I played partic-ularly well in the Cannes Open, but I finished second there, so I shouldn't complain, suppose," he said. "Something just didn't feel quite right, and I've been terrible ever since; I haven't had any confidence at all." Broadhurst has since been

putting in the hours with Bill Ferguson, his coach, and is now hitting the ball with the confident air of a man who knows where he is going. He wants that Ryder Cup place with a quiet intensity. "It's important to me," he said. "If I don't get in now, I would feel as if I'd blown it." Broadhurst and his three

nearest pursuers were members of an elite band of only 26 players to best par on a cold and windy day in Schleswig Holstein, which sounds less like a province of Germany than a dish in an Italian restaurant ("I'll have veal Schleswig-Holstein, please, and go easy on the capers") or maybe an obscure German lager ("Innkeeper, be so kind as to fetch me a pint of your best Schieswig-Holstein in a straight glass"). There were any number of small sub-plots as much of the field seemed caught in a state of suspended

Sam Torrance had to give best to a neck injury and was replaced by Warren Bennett, who played nine holes before out · h would you believe it, a neck injury. Two withdrawals in the same group on the same day - Miguel Angel Jiménez and Jamie Spence, the other two in the three-ball, must have thought it was something that they had said.

Meanwhile, - Severiano Ballesteros's back was not helped by the weather, and, after a 77, he will decide today if he will play in the European Grand Prix at Shaley Hall next



SAILING: ADELA ONLY 330 MILES FROM ATLANTIC FINISH LINE

Carson's schooner cruising to victory

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

ADELA, the leading yacht in the Rolex Atlantic Challenge 330 miles from the finish at the Lizard in Cornwall. She was expected to arrive in Falmouth tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Adela, a 170ft schooner built in 1995 along the lines of the 1903 schooner, Heartsease, had opened up a gap of. 120 miles over Ador, her only competitor in the spirit of tradition division.

Adix. a 193ft gaff-rigged schooner built in 1984, is skippered by Paul Goss who

son, the skipper of Adela, for most of the race. Several days ago he managed to cut her earlier 60-mile lend to around overtake, but the slightly smaller boat with a state-ofthe art carbon rig pulled away again in lightish airs.

The race, which started in New York on May 17, commemorates the 1905 record-setting ocean crossing by the schooner Atlantic - a time that stood officially unbeaten until Nicorette bettered it early last month.

In the seven-strong classic division, the long-time leader Mariette - a 135ft Herreshoff

definitely have had to say not

I should like to know if

cameras were present at the

other three matches to decide

close calls. If they weren't, they

should not have been called

into play at Canterbury. The

loss of Fleming, because of their presence, facing a total of

tice was done and all was well.

schooner built in 1915 — has finally been eclipsed by Sumurin, a 1914-vintage Fife ketch owned by Robert Towbin, which had the nar-Aelio, the Max Oertz-designed gaff-rigged schooner. has stopped racing after breaking her bowsprit and is cruising into Falmouth.

In the contemporary division, only six of the eight yachts entered are still racing. The 192ft schooner, The Other Woman, never left New York after an engine fire. Globana. a Ron Holland-designed 118ft ketch, has had to retire to the Azores after ropes became wrapped round her keel.

Sariyah. an aluminium Sparkman & Stephens 1994 ketch built at Sensation in New Zealand. She has overline honours in her class. Her nearest competitor is another Ron Holland design, Never Say Never, a 100ft cutter, which is still racing despite a cracked mast.

However, one of the best performers in the division on handicap is the 86ft Sapphire, yet another Ron Holland, which has been chartered by Anthony Matusch, of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and is skippered by Sir Robin KnoxRUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan face easy task before new expedition

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FOR eight of the sides in the Stones Super League, the com-petition will fade into the background after tonight's round of matches. Attention will then turn to the great adventure of the 22-team world club championship which starts next week - a step into the unknown for all but one of the European contingent.
Wigan's last experience of

Australia was in 1904 when they won the world club challenge match, against Brisbane Broncos, their second opponents in the group stages of the world club champion-

Before they head off for their opening game against Canter-bury. Wigan will be facing Australian opposition tonight, albeit second rate in that it is provided by the exiles representing Paris Saint-Germain. There is no doubting Wigan's confidence after their record

win on Monday at St Helens. Leeds Rhinos, too, face ailing opponents in Warrington Wolves and will be expected to cut Bradford Bulls' lead at the top to five points, before they leaving at the weekend for sub-tropical climes and more onerous opposition. Leeds players have been wearing bin-liners in training in an effort to recreate the humid conditions they will face in Townsville, where they meet North Queensland tomorrow

Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, is confident of success in the first match and of beating Adelaide Rams, who are also in the bottom third of the Australasian Super League. Generally, though, he believes standards in the southern hemisphere are higher and would not be surprised by more defeats than victories for the European sides.

Warrington's new coach, Darryl Van de Velde, admitted this week that if he had known the size of the job, he would have taken it. The E325,000 Warrington received from Leeds last month for lestyn Harris has not gone London Broncos, who get

the world club championship under way at Brisbane next Friday, are at home tonight to Sheffield Eagles and are expected to recall Martin Offiah, and Shaun Edwards.

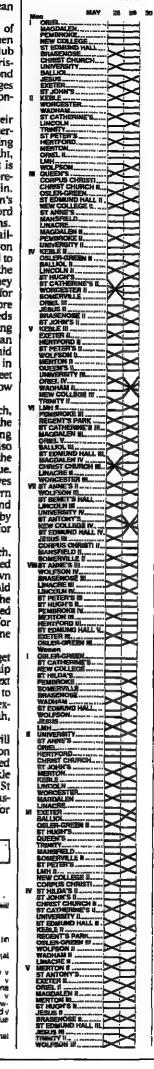
Paul Forber, of Salford, will miss the visit of Bradford on Sunday. He has been banned for one match for a high tackle on lan Pickavance, of St Helens, who was also sus-pended for a match for retaliating.

OXFORD EIGHTS

THERE were no changes at the top of the men's and women's first divisions on the second day of the Oxford University Summer Eights on

the Isis yesterday.
Oriel and Osier-Green fin-ished well clear of Magdalen and St Catherine's but there were many positional changes in the women's first division. St Catherine's finished one length clear of New College: all those below them were involved in bumps.

In contrast, there were only two bumps in the men's top division. Exeter caught Balliol while, lower down the division, Keble rowed past Jesus,



SPORTS LETTERS

Schools deserve more support

From Mr David Lomas Sir, It appears that Howard Wilkinson's blueprint for football in England (report, May 20) plans to put the future for societ hopefuls firmly in the hands of the professional clubs. Is this a good idea? Why dismantle the sophisti-

county areas and national organisations under the aegis of the English Schools' Football Association? Granted that the number of schoolteachers involved in tootball is diminishing, there

cated infrastructure of district,

is still plenty of evidence of dedicated feathers upholding the true ethos of schools How many youngsters have

been promised the earth by sional clubs and ended up with nothing? Why, if the runours are correct, take away years of tradition?

Protecting country

From Mr Michael L. Burlyn that ... a mountain bike will take you over country paths". She should be aware that any form of riding on foot-path is illegal — whether the mount is a cycle, horse or other animal. Only bridle

Additionally, riding moun-in likes along country and, whether footpaths or

Surely the ESFA and all its members should be under-

pinned by the Sports Council, the Minister for Sport and the FA, not undermined.

I do not think I am alone when I say that I regard professional clubs as predators - and there are signs of similar activity in cricket. Not all teachers may be great coaches, but many of them still put in hours of dedicated service for many extra-curricular activities with little monetary reward and very little

Is it too much to ask for this to be given the recognition it deserves instead of a kick in

winter because of the wear

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the countryside which their

Midhurst, Sussex.

Sports Letters may be sent

by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a

the teeth? Yours faithfully. DAVID LOMAS. 21 Northampton Road, Croydon,

Sir Whilst I cannot but agree with Scheila Swanton (Sport For All, May 26) about the health merits and enjoyment to be derived from cycling. I must sound a word of caution in sesponse to her comment

Sport causes. Healthy enjoyment of our countryside should be available to all; however, no single pastime or sport should be permitted to damage this same countryside which many wayt can be legitimately ridden, and whilst there may be those the chose to ignore this, of us seek to protect. it is timine to condone this disregard. Yours faithfully M. L. BURLYN, 47 Heathfield Green

ages for sound to a very great energy for any sound to a very great energy from the deep read pattern on the deep is experience of the deep is especially problematic when the ground is wet. Some of the daytime telephone number.

Kent nearly left out in cold

From Mr R. Jenkins

Sir, I decided it was too cold to go to Canterbury to see the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final between Kent and Warwickshire on Tuesday, so sat in my armchair and watched it on television.

Matthew Fleming was going great guns until he was run out. The umpire couldn't decide, so called on the third umpire to adjudicate using the television pictures. Again it was very close; it

looked to me as though part of Fleming's bat was over the line and even the commentators agreed he should have been given the benefit of the doubt. If the cameras hadn't been there, the umpire would

more than 300, could have meant Kent losing the match. As it was, thanks to Matthew Walker and others jus-

Next time, I will have to put on an extra sweater and brave that northeast wind. R. JENKINS. 48 Park Avenue,

Sittingbourne, Kent.

Tobacco threat

From Dr Nigel Gray

Sir, The threat implied by paths and bridleways along which my wife and I frequent-ly walk are often rendered Bernie Ecclestone, vice-president of the international automobile federation (report, almost impassable during the May 26), that Britain will lose Formula One if tobacco advertising is banned is both old It is an irony that many of and empty. The UK Govern-ment is likely to change the those who espouse a healthy law at home and also its vote spect for the countryside in the European Community soon and the whole of the community will be free of appear either unaware or indifferent to the damage to tobacco advertising as a

survive but other people will pay for it, admittedly at lesser

should stop now.

Formula One will certainly

This is a good idea. Child-ren are well known for emulating their heroes and their heroes race in tobacco emblems. Tobacco advertising Formula One has a regular

audience of some hundreds of

millions and is the major

vehicle for the globalisation of

a small number of tobacco

brands which are being used

in the tobacco_ industry's

present phase of expansion into developing countries. Inflicting a larger tobacco epi demic on countries with already serious health prob-lems is unacceptable Yours faithfully, NIGEL GRAY

(President, International Union Against Cancer). The European Institute of Oncology, Via Ripamonti 435, 2014I Milan, Italy.

For the record

From Dr D. R. Rosseinsky Sir, The Times, being the paper of record, will wish to correct an error in a report of a Lions rugby match in South Africa against Border (September S. 1924). My father, a loose forward in the latter team, was listed as Rossensky, when (of course) the spelling is Rosseinsky.

Yours faithfully DAVID ROSSEINSKY. 14 Rosebarn Avenue, Exeter,

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Rowell calls up six new caps to face Argentina

row forward, who after a

his first full game of the tour

against Argentina A on Tues-

day, plays at blind-side flank-

er, a position Ben Clarke, who

preferred. However, the ab-

sence of Richard Hill and Neil

Back in South Africa left

Rowell few options at open-

suffers for his versatility.

Diprose after years of faithful

A team duty and probably the

outstanding forward on the

the edge of magic," Rowell

said, "while Corry is like a

banging door. He is a very

powerful man, who has been

close for a while. Ben, at the

top of his form, is a majestic

forward. He was the best in

the world in 1993. Maybe he

lost a bit dropping down to the

second division, but now he is getting back to his best."

Given that Rowell likes to

keep units together, Haag's selection ahead of David Bal-

dwin as Nigel Redman's part-

ner at lock was always likley.

Haag, who doubted he would

be picked, has benefited from

the lifting laws and does well

in the loose. The mobility of

Haag's Bath team colleague,

Yates, earned him selection

Yates, 26, is fast becoming

"the pick of our loose heads".

Nick Greenstock paid trib-

ute to the influence of Nigel

Melville and Rob Smith at

Wasps for his elevation, while

Mallinder has been in out-

☐ Channel 5 will show the

Argentina v England rugby international match "as live"

tomorrow evening after the

Poland v England football

World Cup qualifying match

which starts in Katowice at

7.30pm. It had been hoped to

stage both matches live, but

the television station was un-

able to get agreement to move

forward the kick-off of the

rugby international match,

which starts at 7.40pm.

standing form for Sale.

Rowell said.

of Rob Hardwick:

'Diprose's hands can be on

tour, is at No 8.

WITH 18 English players on duty with the British Isles barnstorming performance in England's short tour of Argentina was always going to produce a crop of new caps. Whether anyone, let alone Jack Rowell, the coach, could is at No7, would have have envisaged six in one international, as is the case against Argentina tomorrow, is doubtful side and Clarke, who has played there for England,

It is a sign of the changing times in English rugby as well as its strength in depth that Rowell, can name a team which looks more than capable of beating the Pumas. There are seven Bath players in the side — it could have been eight, but John Mallett has a recurring back problem.
Only Mike Catt and Jon Sleightholme are left from the

ENGLAND

side that started against Argentina at Twickenham in

The six new caps, Jim Mallinder and Nick Greenstock in the backs, and Kevin Yates. Martin Haag, Tony Diprose and Martin Corry in the pack, all deserve their opportunity. For some it is belated recognition for long service, for others it could and should be the start of substantial international careers. All talked bullishly of their determination not to be remembered as one-cap wonders. Their selection brings to 17 the number of new caps who have played for England since Phil de Glanville assumed the captaincy against Italy last Nov-

Perhaps the biggest surprise is the inclusion of Martin Corry, 23, the Bristol back-

Clarke has desire to impose his presence

Mark Souster hears

why the captain of

Richmond is ready for renewed national duty

ine trials of Ben Clarke's career over the past 12 months are a microcosm of the tribulations that have afflicted the first year of professional rugby union. Both took gambles: the sport by abandoning amateurism, Clarke by leaving behind the safe haven of the Recreation Ground. Bath, for a wager on success - as the new captain at the Athletic Ground, Richmond. While rugby appears to have backed a winner, Clarke, having put his chips on the red, black and old gold colours of the south-west London club, has had to wait for a return on his investment.

He is financially better off. of that there can be little doubt, with a lucrative fiveyear contract to sustain him. But there has been a price to pay. Who, a year ago, would have imagined an England team in which Clarke was not an automatic selection? Yet having dropped down a divi-sion, he fell away, as first injury and then the more outstanding claims of others cost him his international

That is why this tour of Argentina is as important to him as it is to the younger players seeking to impress Jack Rowell, the coach, and make an impact on the international scene. It provides an opportunity for Clarke to reestablish himself in an area where England have an embarrassment of riches.

Pretenders abound but, at 29, Clarke at his best, as he has been so far here in South America, has few peers. Tomorrow he will win his 31st cap in the first international against Argentina at No 7, a position to which he is not best suited, but his experience will be a vital commodity in what is, Nigel Redman a a callow pack.

Sitting in the foyer of the team hotel in Buenos Aires. idly toying with the froth on a cup of cappucino coffee, Clarke, who gave up his job with National Power to concentrate on rugby, could be forgiven for allowing his mind to wander several thou-

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Coulsdon tournament

Grandmaster Neil McDonald is

proving the dominant force as the international standard tournament at Coulsdon is nearing its climax. He shares the lead on four the climax the shares the lead on four the climax.

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Sicilian Defence

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Sg4 Bxt3

Race

Diagram of final position

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By Raymond Keene

played one game less.

White John Shaw

Black Chris Duncan

Coulsdon, May 1997

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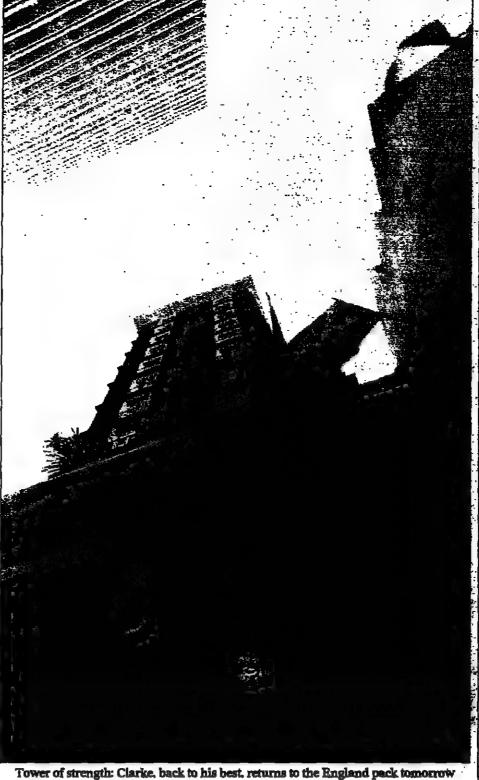
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sand miles across the Atlantic to the British Isles tour in South Africa.

Four years ago, as an integral part of the Lions tour to New Zealand, he played in all three internationals and such was his impact that Colin Meads, the great former All Black forward, was moved to consider him the only Lions player worth keeping. "You can send the others home, I'll have Clarke," Meads said. He was player of the year and the only England representative to be named in a hypothetical World XV. For a young man of 25 who appeared to have it all, it was heady stuff.

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the Weekend section on Saturday.

Plack resigns

KEENE on CHESS

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White: Colin Mr.Nab

Coulsdon, May 1997

English Open

"It was a good time," Clarke recalled. "But times change, things move on. I don't regret moving to Richmond, we have won promotion and we should do well next season. 11 be back playing against my contenders week in, week out - back in the shop window --- which can only

a good thing. I knew there was a risk lin moving and I obviously hoped it would not have a bearing on my international career but going professional provided the opportunity to be part of a something from the start. I needed a change," he said.

His absence from the British Lions party he took philo-sophically. "I didn't have a good feeling about the Lions," he said. "Not playing for England didn't really help. But they picked others who hadn't been part of the five nations so I still hoped. But it just one of those things

This tour to Argentina is a challenge. They have great upper body strength and they're strong maulers. The Tests will be close, but I have a good feeling about them. We have the right blend of youth and experience, everybody is very hungry and we know there is a lot at stake."

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Johnson and Rodber add beef to Lions

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

THE first close examination of colleagues, Kerth Wood and the British Isles tour awaits at Mark Regan. the Newlands Stadium here tomorrow, against Western Province, though, judging by the Lions' efforts in South Africa so far, they already have their work out out. It will also provide evidence of the quality of the English beer which, all along, has been expected to underpin the tour. Seven of the England pack will play against the unbeaten side that, earlier this season, won the Nite Series, the competition for those provinces not involved in the Super 12 tournament. They include Martin Johnson, the captain, and Tim Rodber, who make

their first appearances of the

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The Lions, who are due to meet Nelson Mandela, the South Africa president, this morning, also take a calculated gamble by omitting both their proven international goalkickers, Nell Jenkins and Paul Grayson. That duty will fall, initially, upon Tim Simpson with Gregor Town-send providing back-up. The Newcastle full back has been striking the fall powerfully in-training, both off the ground and out of hand.

In the absence of Scott Gibbs, the foliar selectors have chosen to pair Jeremy Guscott with Alan Tait in the centre. Gibbs, the Swanses centre, travelled shead of the main party from East London to Cape Town restering so that day long treatment could be given to the ankle ligaments damaged to the narrow win over Border on Wednesday. but he is expected to be match-

in within ten days.

John Bentley is switched from the right wing to the left. where he will face the frequently explosive, James Small. Though unsamilier with the left flank, Bentley is looking forward to the costs. People say we are quite alike, which may have had some bearing on selection," he said. In the long term, it may

prove significant that Harry Williams is given a against a Western Province front row that metades two. international props. From Gorton, the tour manager, is an admirer of the young Welsh hooker, who switched from Neath to Richmond earlier this month and Williams cannot wait to put the pressure on his more experienced

The Lions, however, cannot continue to rely on a late burst of activity to win matches. South African critics have identified, correctly, some hesitation at stand-off half and a lack of cohesion in the scrums that needs to be addressed. John Bradbrook, the Border scrum half, was particutarly harsh on the quality of their tackling which, against Eastern Province and Border, has failed to stop opponents in their tracks and force the handling errors necessary if loose ball is to be turned

Moreover, the Lions had reason to query the quality of refereeing that ignores obstructive cross-overs in open play, offside at second phase and the law that requires



Rodber: tour debut

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excess between to stand along ride each other at the scrom feed. Even Steve Strydom Ichairman of the South African regby amion's referee development committee acknowledged that the was not of the quality you would want to see," Cotton said of Andre Burger, Gattleng who handled

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

It is a mistake to try to learn safety plays by heart. Instead, you should look at each combination and work out the best play. What about this one: KQ 10 6 2 opposite J 3 Rubber bridge Dealer North Love all

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The declarer was Charles Wigoder, one of the regulars in the TGR high game. East played the nine of spades on the first trick and declarer won with the queen. Many players would now continue unthinkingly with the jack of clubs. That is wrong, and here costs a club trick. Wigoder saw the safety play - he crossed to dummy with a heart at trick two and played a club towards the jack. East's ace beat the air, and now declarer had four tricks in clubs to make his contract.

If declarer had judged that West was more likely to have club shortage, he would have led a low club from his hand towards dummy. That would gain when West had the singleton ace. However, on this deal East was marked with spade length, and so was the more likely to have club shortage. How would you play

A K J 10 3 2 apposite 9 4 for six tricks? The combination cropped up last March as the trump suit of a grand slam in the final of the Vanderbilt, the leading American teams event. Of course it is correct to finesse, but would you play off the ace first, as the American declarer did? That cost the contract, and is the wrong play: it only gains against singleton queen offside, and loses to all the four small singletons offside. Best is to run the nine on the first round. which turned out to be the winning play.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING WINNING MOVE

By Philip Howard

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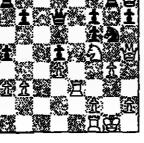
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b. A verse form c. A critical apparatus Answers on page 45

White to play. This position is from the game Toran - O'Kelly, Palma 1967. Here White found a classic sacrifice leading to a forced mate. White's idea is clear enough. but can you work out the exact mating sequence? Solution on page 45



Jones takes the helm for Wales

GWYN JONES will lead the 30-player Wales squad on their six-match tour of North America in July. The Cardiff flanker, 24, takes over the captaincy duties from his clubmate. Jonathan Humphreys, who has led his country in 17 of his 19 international appearances.

The squad includes nine uncapped players for a threeweek trip that includes two international matches against the United States and one against Canada. Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, believes the tour will play an important part in the development process for the 1999 World Cup and hopes the change in captaincy will allow Humphreys to return to his best as a world-class booker.

"Jonathan has shown great courage and passion playing for Wales and outstanding commitment as captain. How ever, the responsibility of captaincy has affected his own game," Bowring said. "He has often tried to cover up for the inadequacies of others and done his utmost to stop Wales losing at all costs.

This has affected his individual performance and sometimes his decision-making on the field. Without the responsibility of captaincy, I feel he will regain his confidence and further develop his all-round game."

With more than 20 players unavailable for selection due to British Isles calls or injuries, Bowring described the tour party as a mixture of exciting young players and experienced internationals.

Nigel Walker, the Cardiff wing, returns to the squad as a reward for the club form he showed last season.

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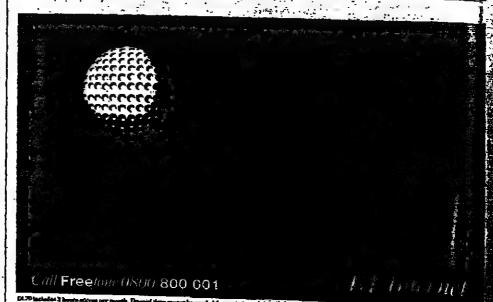
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Ramsden wins Epic Stand appeal

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

cised disqualification of Epic Stand at Newcastle last week and then defended the local stewards whose decision cost punters millions. . . :

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"People - who have been screaming about this having been one of the worst decisions by local stewards in living memory just do not understand the rules. It was a very close call, David Pipe, the lockey Club's director of public affairs, said. To call the stewards all the names under the sun is unreasonable."... Epic Stand, trained by Lyn-

da Ramsden at Thirsk and ridden by Fergal Lynch, the apprentice, was heavily backed to land a handicap. over the straight mile last Thursday and duly obliged by three lengths. However, to the surprise of most observers, the 13-8 favourite was disqualified after the stewards, chaired by Gerald Maitland-Carew, decided that Lynch had been

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THE Jockey Club yesterday guilty of irresponsible riding overturned the much critiwhen going for a gap as he made a winning challenge. After a 212-hour inquiry, the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee decided that the interference was due to careless - rather than irresponsible — riding and reinstated Epic Stand as the winner. However, it upheld the four-day suspension imposed on Lynch, which begins

tomorrow. Significantly, the Jockey Club announced it is now reviewing rule 153, which deals with riding offences, including the category of irresponsible riding which was introduced in April 1994. As the rules stand, a jockey can be found guilty of irresponsible riding if he causes interference by some manoeuvre "when it ought to have been obvious to him that interference would be the result".

In a nutshell, the Newcastle stewards thought Lynch should have known he was likely to have cause interference when he went for a gap between Musical Express and Feel A Line. The disciplinary committee concluded that the gap was wide enough for Lynch to think he could get through — even though he subsequently caused?

interference. Mrs Ramsden, whose anger at the original disqualification was shared by thousands of punters, did not mince her words when she emerged from yesterday's hearing. "I think it is a clear case of the only irresponsibility that any-body has shown — never mind.



Entrepreneur continued to please yesterday in his preparation for the Vodafone Derby tomorrow week

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

irresponsible riding - was the decision of the stewards and the stewards' secretary at

Newcastle. "Racing is run for punters and I think they have been absolutely robbed. How can they feel happy about a bet when there are decisions like

In similar vein, Jack Ramsden, husband of the trainer and one of the shrewdest punters in the land,

added: "The race prize-money is fairly irrelevant, but all the bets have gone down the tubes With just eight days to the and punters have been robbed. I am disappointed

duced it to two." However, he took some comfort from the decision of the Jockey Club to review rule 153 and hopes that it may prevent betting shop punters Oaks Day, the previous day, from being on the receiving are up almost 70 per cent and

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818 (10) 5-9-0 SHOWCASE 78 J 1965 3-8-3 M Henry (3) 98

2-1 imilgs Dann, 9-4 Shinesen, 6-1 Archer Venium, in Grand Gracow, 8-1 Jean Pierce 10-1 Sh. Chalm, 12-1 Fallopa). 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: B Pulling, 3 varieties from B nations, 37:55, 81 JR Williams, 3 from 9, 23:38, J Pearce, 3 from 11, 27:35, Ill Timble, 4 host 21, 19%, Max M Reveloy, 18 from 101, 17:85, W Horgh, 3 from 20, 15:0%.

20, 1939. 1 Darley, 26 reports from 136 roles, 20,5%, P McCabe, 3 form 21, 14,3%, 6 Padan, 4 from 31, 12,9%, P Fessey, 4 from 35, 11,4%, Only qualities.

☐ Wizard King, trained by Sir Mark Prescott, finished third and James Fanshawe's

4.20 GRENTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,054: 51 212yd) (10)

(£2,618; 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

Royer-Dupre yard.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

Fergal has still got four days.

end of such bad decisions in

Vodafone Derby, advance bookings have hit an all-time high, according to the organisers. Bus-site bookings At least they could have reare up by more than 40 per cent compared to this time last year and advance ticket sales are up nearly 50 per cent. Ticket sales for Vodafone

corporate hospitality on both days has been fully sold.

At Newmarket yesterday morning, Entrepreneur, the Derby favourite, pleased gallop watchers as he worked over nine furlongs with two stablemates from Michael Stoute's yard on the Racecourse Side's watered gallop. The emphatic 2,000 Guineas winner is a best priced 5-4 on to win at Epsorn tomorrow

7,35 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CATTERICK HUROLE (£3,626; 2m 110yd) (6) THUNDERER 2.20 Country Garden. 2.50 Pharty Dancer. 1.20 Bramble Beer, 3.50 Palacegate Touch. 4.20

7-4 Yadralon, 3-1 Hay Dance, 9-2 Yadraphol, 6-1 Coole Secret, 8-1 Man's Crees, 12-1 Bater Royal.

8.05 HORSE AND HOUND CHAMPION NOVICES (Amateurs: £4,273; 3m 4f) (9)

9-4 Enthonory: 7-2 Prison Back, 5-1 Struggles Glory, 6-1 Short's Star, 8-1 Breamount Ltd. 18-1 Pher Too Tonety, 12-1 Master Haratio, 14-2 often.

8.35 WEATHERBY'S YOUNG HORSE AWARDS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,418: 2m 11 110yd) (4)

1 301P RFTYSEVENCHAMBLES 103 (D.G.S) Miss II Majal 8-12-0
2 U054 SOCIETY GLEST? (F.G.S) A Tarnell 11-11-11 . L Harvey
3 1111 NOVAN JOCKEY 2 (C.D.F.S.S) M Pipe 5-11-0... A P McCoy
4 0022 STURM FALCON 14 (C.BF.F.S.) S Meitor 7-11-2... C Webb (2) 4-5 Inches Jackey, 7-2 Storm Palcon, 5-1 Fritysevenchersels, 12-1 Security Guest.

9.05 GRANDSTAND CONSULTANTS NOVICES

HURDLE (£3,020: 2m 110yd) (12) HURDLE (£3,020: 2m 110yd) (12)

1 1821 MELT THE CLOUDS 9 (B.U.F.S) M Ppo 4-11-5 . A P MidDay
ALAFLAK 21F W Ham 6-10-12 . B Powell
3 045 CAMP HEAD 8 0 Starwood 8-10-12 . J A McCarthy
4 004/ EAU BENIE 743 N Beny 6-10-12 . R Johnson
5 PO FRIAR'S OAK 7 P Batter 5-10-12 . Mr Ø McPhatf (7)
8 600 RENES PET 14 J For 7-10-12 . Mr Ø McPhatf (7)
7 20 SOANDRA 191 K Balley 7-10-12 . N Williamson
8 2222 FARRLY SHARP 27 (0,F) 6 Rev 4-10-6 . R Downwoody
8 0P00 BLUE RAYANA 34 6 Rev 5-10-7 . Mr POWOOD (7)
11 4000 HERHT (SCAPPLOE SO C Weedon 5-10-7 . Mr Richards
12 4 PRESS AGAIN 20 P Hayword 5-10-7 . B Ferston
2-1 Mrit The Clouds. 3-1 Fairly Starp, 9-2 Mallate, 8-1 Sidenam. 8-1 Camp Herel
12-1 Might Escapide, 18-1 Offits.

3.20 WENSLEY SPRINT HANDICAP (3-Y-D: £3,379: 5f) (4)

3.50 PEN HILL CLAIMING STAKES

Riverbank Rose (20-1), 9 ran, NR, Bet Wittshire, Mr Bojangles, 44, 51 G Richards. Tota 52:10: 51:40, 51:20, 52:70 DF \$3:90. Inc: \$23:80 CSF, \$5:88

Brighton

2.10 (57213)cti 1. Trush Teiler (Dane O'Nell. 11-4), 2. Planning Ember (8-13 fey), 3. Twentytwo Black (33-1), 4 ran Shihd, 144 R Harmon, Toer (23-9), DF, 21-60 CSF (24-4) Namon, Tota: 2390 DF. 21 60 CSP 54-41
2-40 (6f 20)yd; 1, Stand Talt (M Poberts,
11-2) 2, Stangork (4-5 fav); 3, Garaspyr
(14-1) 7 sp. 94 hl Lady Herman Tota:
25 50, 2520 DF. 20 DF. 63 20, CSF 20 67.
3.10 (7f 214yd) 1, Pacidy's Rice (F Norton,
18-1), 2, Casen's Insignal (7-1); 3, Gold
Lance (19-1); Mr Cube 5-1 2m. 15 ran 94,
2-hl M Blooked Tota 522-20, 2-d 10, 21-90,
2-d M Blooked Tota 522-20, 2-d 10, 21-90,
2-d 70 DF 253-80 Those 53-40 (part work
color) CSF 2017-93 Thoses: 5798 77
today) CSF 2017-93 Thoses: 5798 77
3-40 (1m 8t 169) wh 1 Membero 6M Roberts, 3.40 (Fin 2) Sign(2) 1. Herniteno (M. Roberts, Evens Sad; 2. Hillemeck (20-1); 3. Privata Roburs (20-1); 12 am NR Closs Dee H, 31 M Pipe Tote: 21.50; 21.30, 27.20, 24.10, DF 241.50. Track: 2(13.50) (part-sern, pod of 2129.33 stantisticoment to 3.30 at Apr today) 135 (13.54) Tracks (23.57); No bid 4.10 (7) 21.44 at 1. Stantisensky in William CS - These Teach No but 4.10 (7) Ethydrol J. Riverboody in Wittes (P Bloomheld : 1-3 lieu). 2 Febre (16-11, 3, Barbury Belled (80-1) 4 arm 142.5 f. M. Jordon Cotte, 2.10 (9) F. 23-50, CSF 25-81 deep Cotte, 2.10 (9) F. 23-50, CSF 25-81 deep Cotte, 2.10 (9) F. 23-50, CSF 25-81 deep Cit-4-81; 3.3 Teach 19 July 1 Quadrot 621.60.

Carlisle

Carisic
Gorg. Int.
220 (5'20'yd) 1. Mirestin (M Ferton: 7-2 fffee. Novimeler Correspondent's risp); 2.
Wissoma Serge 9-1), 3. Laterand Profe
fr-2 8-15 filez Meeter 7-2 fee: 14 ran 5'n
hot 1 int. Wise. Tate: 94.60; 92.00, 61.60.
fr.2 9-15 filez Meeter 7-2 fee: 14 ran 5'n
hot 1 int. Wise. Tate: 94.60; 92.00, 61.60.
fr.2 9-15 files 10.11, 3. Rymer's Rascal
g-11 Allian's Maint 7-2 fee: 15 ran; 34. 31
Michinston, Rose 18.60 files 30, 62.70, 92.40
DF 1226 files 513.90 CSF 63.72
Incast \$16.51
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2.30 (3m 22 ch) 1, Meeter Cruseder (Mr S Durack, 11-2); 2, Grazdy Beer (Evens lavi; 3, Quincil Crossett (33-1) 8 ran. 2, 11 D Williams, Tote E7.70; E2.00, E1.10, E5.60. DF-E3.10 CSF, E10.58. DF-£3.10 CSF. £10.58.
3.00 (2m inclu) 1, Silver Minst (P Niver, 7-1);
2, Freno (25-1): 3, Apoliono 5-1), Recinsore Brandy 3-1 tes 10 rm. 6, 34 Mar M Reveloy Tote £5 80; £2.00 £8.60 £2.50 DF. £93.70.
7/or £164.20 (perf worr, pool of £129.57 carried forward in 3.30 at Ayr locky), CSF. £135-10. Tricast: £856-47.

£135 10. Tricast: £858 47.
3.30 (2m §f ch) 1, Blazzer Moniniere (\$ Fox, 11-8 lay); 2, Nordic Valley (\$-2); 3, Herley Regette (\$-2); 6 tran. NR: Bally Paratin. 1141, 20. P. Fischerin. Total E2 40; £1 40, £1 40. DF: £1 90. CSF £4 88. DF: [7 90, CSF 14 60) 1, Edebusis Du Moulin (P Carberry, 3-1); 2, The Tosseach (7-4 far); 3, Tragic Herb (5-1), 7 ram, 2-4, 81 G Richards Total 13.20; 21.50, 21.60 DF: 12.70, CSF

C7.64
4.80 (2m 5t ch) 1. King Tonse (At J Jukes, 10-11 law); 2. True Fortune (B-1); 3. Musterny Moya (11-4) 11 cen NF Catchphrese 19-1, 28 V Darfrell Tolk: \$1.50; £1.50, 5-00 (2m Sai race) 1, Stormtal Stag 6. Commans, 5-2, 2, Ol Mother (7-4 lav); 3, Ambiech (7-1) 15 tarn NR: Dancing in Ro. 27, 7, P Bowen, Tole; E4 70, 5200, 51 40, 52 00 DF 52,90. Trio. 510.50 CSF 57 63

> Wednesday's late results

Newbury Newbury
Going: good to firm, good in back seeight
5.56 (\$1.34.0) 1. Compreders (1.04/m, 5-1);
2. Hadid (\$-1), 3. Shattard's Harnour (14-1);
John Fernsley 9-4 few, 10 ran, 41, 41, 46,
Barsherd, Tute: 95.00; \$1.90 \$1.60, \$2.20
DF: \$10.40, Tinc: \$43.40 CSP \$18.98
6.20 (1m 28 yet), 10 public Gold (\$ Felton,
3-1), 2 Lado (14-1); 3, Mr Sombassique (\$-11,
fav) 8 ran, NR Creel Preditor 5, 17-41 B
Meetan; Tota 24.90, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$1.20,
DF \$15.60 Tab \$24.90, \$2.50; \$2.86 \$1.91
and \$1.50, DF £15.80 Teo £4.90. CSF £38.67
8.50 (6) 8y-0.1. Always Alight (1) Cuern, 8-1;
2. White Ern't (100.30 Sey): 3, Reifs [6-1]. 7 ran
NFI Menseth, Nineacres 11, 21 K Barke, Total
£12.20; £3.70, £2.10 DF, £11.80. Tino
£178.00 CSF £32.67 Thosast £205.91.
7.20 (7) 64y-01); Watsome Wobster (3)
Herrison, 33-17; 2. Stoppes Brow (12-1); 3.
Strap Rebuff (16-1); Knobblesneeze 4-1 tisk,
£5 ren, NF. Dummet Golf Time, 9-1 tisk,
£7 ren, NF. Dummet Golf Time,
£7 ren, NF

ran NP: Scotema. 11, 11 \$ Com. Tote: \$16.20; \$3.20, \$1.60, \$2.10, DF. \$31.50 Tho: \$155.70 CSF: \$58.38 Placepol: 5225,40. Quadpol: £190.10. Ripon

MIDON Going good to firm (4.4) (5) 11. Name (4.4) (5) 1. Princely Helir (J. Wesser, 11.4) (4.4) (5) 1. Princely Helir (J. Wesser, 11.4) (4.4) (5) 1. Princely (6.1), 3. Leohic (20-1), 18 (4.4) 2, hissas La Vaza (5-1); 3, Anchoraria (5-1); 9 ran 14(, nlx P hissasra. Tota (520, 2180, E17.28. Thicast: £98.87 8.10 (1m) 1. Three Arch Bridge: (J. Wesser, 11-2), 2. Young Precedent (11-4 law), 3. Lay The Stame (40-1) 13 ran, 3. Jul M. Johnston Toer: 6.4.70, 5. 170, 5.18.0, 5.29.40, 5.7.50 Trior \$148.80 CSF £20.91 Tricast: £535.92 Trior \$148.80 CSF \$29.91 Tricset \$535.92
8.40 (8) 1, Swift (M Britters, 7-1); 2, Price Times (16-1); 3, Micropit \$5.80; (7-1); 4, Rum Lad (6-1); Chilling 3-1 law 16 ran 34, 34 M Policiase Toter \$68.0; £1.90; £2.90; £2.80; £1.80 DF; £193.00 Trio; £2.82.30 CSF £18.00; 17:00; £2.82.30 CSF £18.00; £193.1; 3, Keyflysh £25-11; 12 ran Mt; 2, Taunt (3-1); 3, Keyflysh £25-11; 12 ran Mt; Asst Arimat, Na, 71, M Scoute, Tote £1.50; £1.0; £1.60; £2.70; £2.80. Trior £1.90; £2.80; £2.80. Trior £1.90; £2.90; £2.90. Trior £1.90; £2.90; £2.90. Trior £1.90; £2.90; £2.90. Trior £1.90; £2.90; £2.90. Trior £1.90; £2

Placepot: £24.10. Quadpot: £7.50. Hereford

Going: good to firm
8.30 (2m St 110yd Indie) 1, Manual Of Our
Festner - (R. Johnson, 4-5 fant: 2,
Pediatrotrometal (15-1), 3, Flormantic Worston
(16-1) 10 rain NR, Tudor Town, 193, 181 P
Bowen Tote £1 80, 110, 52 90, 52 60, 07
99.20 Tylor 557 00 CSF £16.95
7, 07, 62= 11, 1104 t 1, Rectain Road K. 12/20/18/0* 05/7 00 CSF £18.95
7.00 (2m t) 11/90/ cth) 1, Region Road IX (2014), 8-11; 12, Spring To it (3-1 k/av); 3, Pandora's Prize £25-11 (Louphdon 3-1 k/av); 5; zan, NFS, Jay Jay's Voyage, Jorgen Chudeligh, Top it All 1kl, 31 Mais A Embiroos Tote £18.60; 23.80, £1.90, £3.90
DF £13.80 This £134.10, CSF £33.62
Treast £584.05 7.30 (2m ch) 1, Steatzey (5 Curren, 9-4); 2, Kurneri King (20-1); 3, Tight Fist (4-5 ten). 7 ran NR: Zire Lune. 4, 1941 J J O'Nell Tole 25 20; 52 10, 15 60 DF 1284 10 CSF

8.00 (2m. 11 hole) 1. Fleet Cadet (6 Supple, 5-4 tee); 2. Zingfton (7-2); 3. Solman (7-1) 5 ran 8, 131 M Pipe, Tota, 52.20; 51.10, 61.80. DF 52.60 CSF 56.08. 8.00 (2m. 31 ch) 1, Castleconner (J Frost, 3-1 Hay, 2. Call Ne Abl (4-1); 3. Geny's Prote (1-1) Dubple 3-1 Piece, 7 ran, 8, hd. 8 report (or. \$4.20, 51.80, 52.60. DF, 55.80 CSF \$14.65. CSF £14 85. 9.00 (3m 2) hole) 1, Decylorgy (A P NECO), 4-7 ted), 2, Pareslyo (5-1); 3, Step In Line (10-3) 7 ran, NR Beck And Celt, 2, 2-0 M Papa Tose £1 40; £1.20, £1 70, DF £3.90 CSF £4.65. Placepot: £29.80. Quadpot: £13.10.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER 2.10 Angel Face. 2.40 Scottish Park. 3.10 Ringleader. 3.40 Cim Born Born. 4.10 Cuban Heights. 4,40 Dayrella.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.10 CLOWN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£1,985: 1m 100yd) (11 runners) 1033 ANGEL FACE 4 (C.D.F.G.) P. Brans 4-11-7 . A Evans (4) 5 00-0 EVERSET 6 (C.F.G.S) A Bally 9-10-11 STAKES (2-Y-C: XZ/93: 31) (13 TRINFES)

101 (2) 3 COUNTRY CARDEN 19 R Housem 6-7 Dane Official 85 182 (19) 6 PRISY LADY 8 I Easteby 8-7 W J O'Connor 80 IIS ALL RELATIVE J Berry 8-7 II. Dartey — 105 (8) 685 PATSY CLLSYTH 18 (87) M Johnston 8-7 — 8 Dayle 75 105 (8) 800 PETS 19 W J Easteby 8-4 G Parther (8) 105 (8) 800 PETS 19 W J Easteby 8-4 M Galayter — 105 (8) 800 PETS 19 W J Easteby 8-4 M Galayter — 105 (8) 8 SCALDES 21 K MORPH 19 J Families (9) 106 (5) 8 SCALDES 21 K MORPH 19 J Families (9) 108 (14) 80 SHARRON 32 C Dayle 8-4 R Primary (15) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 32 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (5) — 118 (7) 34 SAFY GRANO 11 T Burron 8-1 Karbon (9) 90 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 90 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 90 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C Dayle 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 Karbon (9) 118 (7) 30 SHARRON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 Karbon (9) 30 SHARRON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 Karbon (9) 30 SHARRON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 KARBON 39 C DAYLE 8-4 KARBO

3 1-50 VINNOID BEACH 121 (CD.F.G) G.L. Mose 6-19-10 4 0856 ANDNYM 20 (B) CD F, CD J Eyre 5-10-9 . Max. Dans J Joses 5 -000 WENTERBOCK LAD 8 (V, CD F, C, S) P Exas. 7-10-5 6 1216 DESERT MNADER 14 (C,D,Q,S) D Clupman 6-11 0-04 SARBAR 115 (D.F.60 J Lang 11-9-) ... Mes H Nooran (4) 10 5-2 Angel Face 5-1 Desert Isracim. 8-1 Whilab Basck, 8-1 Monton, 10-1 Asseym, Westbridge Lad. 12-1 Dancing Store, Drawn Carrier, 14-1 other:

2.40 GROUPER CLAIMING STAKES (£2,277: 1m 1f 79yd) (12)

7-2 Globelrotter, 4-1 Rambo Walter, 5-1 Scotlish Park, 6-1 Eistleigh, 8-1 Pes Chalser, Cradinos Lase, 10-1 Eistlant, My Handsome Proce, 12-1 others

3.10 STAR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,319: 6f) (10)

U. 2.5,319: DJ (10)

G STALIMAND 18 M Littendon 9-0

G SREEMPROOK 7 (3) W G M Turner 9-0

D McGaffin (7) 10

ON NEWER AGAIN 25 (87) M Juricain 9-0

D MCGARN 49 P Harris 9-0

BRO RISK 49 P Harris 9-0

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LAMBERNE R.YER J Berry 9-0

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A THANKS KEITH 22 J J O'Nell 9-0

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A S Sanders 4

R Parliam 3

details: 9-4 (3) Neiser Again. 7-2 Tangerner Flex, 8-1 Thanks Earth, 10-1 (22_500...5) (10) PALACEGATE TOLICH 16 (CD.F.G.S) J Barry 7.8-13
402 (8) 880- BASHFUL BRANE 168 (D.F) 8 Broph 6-9-1 ... G Hard 165
403 (10) 0340 CAPTANI CARAT 7 (B.D.S.F.F.S) 0 Michaels 6-3-1
Alex Granes 38
404 (6) 020 CAPTANI SIBBAD 39 (8) K BMADCAS 5-8-13 V Shahny 87
405 (9) 0100 SOUTHERN DOMANUM 17 (B.D.F.S.) Mass J CARS-5-9-13 7-4 Hogicular, 9-4 On Neser Again, 7-2 Tangaine Flore, 8-1 Trails Fants, 10-1 float Rais, 13-1 Press Atrait, 14-1 oriers.

3,40 MININOW HANDICAP (E5,353. 67) (11) 1 06-0 MASTER BODTS 16 (E.S.) D Loter 4-18-0 D Holland 6 2 1000 CM BOM BOM 8 (V.CD.F.G.S) M Bell 5-3-11 G Faultone (5) 5 3 6000 BOLD EFFORT 9 (B.D.F.G.S) N Connection 59-6 MTMOMENT 4 0004 MILLE PYONT 9 (ELLYALS) N CONTINUED NO SHARE AND SHARE THE 9 (ELLYALS) B Mineton 4-95. M House 17 5 Sach 1 ROBO MARIO 29 (C.D.F.G.) L Montaque Hall 5-90 E. Lyrach (2,9 6 1156 THE HAPPY FOX 42 (B.C.F.G.) B Michalton 5-8-12 R Cochron 4 7 -144 JRST LOUI 20 (C.D.G.) W G M Tumer 3-8-11 B Michalton 19 0000 ZHARE 6 (CD.F.G.) D Michael 4-9 II Married 3 J Carral 3 9 0000 RAMSEY HOPE 12 (V.C.D.F.G.) C Fachers 4-9 R Married 11 1215 GRAP 16 (C.D.F.G.) C Fox 7-8-4 R Lapon 8 11 6180 DOUBLE-0 23 (ZD.G.) W Javes 3-8-3. S Sanders 3 7-3 júna, 5-1 Robo Magac, 6-1 Carr Born Born, 8-1 Master Books, Hold Effect, 10-1 The Hoppy Fox, Double-O, 12-1 Just Loui, Zuhan, 14-1 inters

4.10 LION SELLING STAKES (£1,985: 1m 4f) (6) 8-4 Sletton Screenigs, 3-1 Royal Legand, 7-2 Culon Hights, 4-1 Fazzer, 12-1 Den Garent, 16-1 Shiphity Special

4,40 ANGEL FILLIES HANDICAP

7-2 (Impella, 4-1 Makezio, 5-1 Papira, 6-1 Molty Music, 8-1 Sandbleder Regro, 18-1 Tea Party, Champagno On Ice, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPS: 1 Manague Hall. 4 ediners bom 9 natures. 44 % D Lader, 8 from 22, 36.4%, W.Jarve, 8 from 23, 34.6%, M Bell, 12 hora 51, 23.5%, M Johandan, 38 from 212, 22.6%, J Pearps. 9 from 49, 18.4%, ¶ Cares, 8 from 45, 17.6%.

Blinkered first time

Craigievar fourth in the group three Prix du Palais-Royal over seven furlongs at Longchamp yesterday. Victory went to the favourite Nombre Premier, from the Alain de BATH: 7.50 Cambridge Blus. CATTERICK BRIDGE: 4.20 Sarabi STRATFORD: 6.35 Verro, Red Tol. WOLVERHAMPTON. 2.40 Ethboat. 3.10 Greenbrook. 3.40 Warrang Tares. 4.10 Royal Legento. 4.40 Legent Of Ausgron.

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2.00 Lend A Hand

2.30 Double Alleged

3.30 Somerton Boy 4.00 Don't Care 4.30 Summerhill Special

3.00 Lapu-Lapu The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 230 DOUBLE ALLEGED.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mr. D Rebuscon) 8 Hair 9-10-0 B West (4) Re course and distance winner RF — beaten bavourite in latest race) Going on which horse has son IF — term, good to firm, had IG — good 5 — sob, good to soft heavy! Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight Ridds plus any allowance The Times Private Handicatoper's group.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

 $2.00\,$ greig middleton pep median auction maiden stakes

ABERICERI (N Raddell) M Dude 9-0
LEND A HAND (M al-Matourn) M Johnston 8-0
3 PETER'S NAP 25: (P Footen) Berry 9-0
4 REAP REWARDS 19 /Marqueza de Moratillar J ForGorald 9-0
6 UP THE CLARETS SS (Party: Pastocks) J J O New 9-0
63 AMIKA LADY 50 (F Coulcon) D Moltail 8-9
PLEASANT DREAMS (J Blum) D Smith 8-9
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A Guitanne BETTING 7-4 Peter's Imp 4-1 Land A Hand, 13-2 Resp Reventt, 8-1 Up The Claudis, 10-1 Ania Lady, 16-1 Themat Descriptions 26-4 Alianos

1996: SAMSLING SPIRIT 8-9 J Quero (10-1) E Wentes 10 car FORM FOCUS

ABERICEN (loaled May 3, cost 5,000gms) lists that dam 51-tm some at low and fine year. LEND A MARDI (Apr 4) list load dam, sists to retelut, many model-estance where in France and full-sister to several model-distance performers including Maysdon and Timer Table winner at 1m AI PETER'S RMP about 394 39d of 9 to Hoh Chi Min in model at Haydock (51, soil) REAP RE-

2.30 GILT-EDGED MAIDEN STAKES (£3,626, 1m 21) (6 runners)

5 ARDARACCH PRINCE 13 (W Micharg) Mrs M Revelvy 6-9-10
2 COLOUR CODE 13 (B Watter) Mrs A Swinbaré 5-9-10
4-8 JACK DOVLE 14 (Dean Logistics) J J O'Neil 6-9-10
5-22 DOUBLE ALLEGED 15 (Mrs) (Huggers) M J Johnston 3-8-10
J Weaver
384-00 PARTY ROZANCE 24 (A Ali) 6 Horbory 3-8-10
W Years
WALSSZ (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 3-8-5
D R MicCaba SETTING: 7-4 Basiste Alleged, 7-2 Colour Code, 4-1 Party Romance, 7-1 Nahaz, 25-1 Addurects France, Jack Books

1996: TEMPTRESS 3-8-11 D Micheson (7-1) P Walneyn 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

COLOUR CODE neck 2nd of 16 to One For Basisys in marden at Hamdion (1m 4l. soli) with ANDARROCH PRINCE 121 5m JACK BOYLE 171 17 to Poissen 1715 18 to In a marden at Impact nor Impact nor

3.00 greig middleton stockbrokers cup handicap

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☐ Michael Stoute announced yesterday that Insatiable was unlikely to run in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot. Insatiable had been made 10-1 favourite by Ladbrokes and 12-1 by William Hill for the one-mile handicap.



Middlesex

handover

marked by

revealing

hundreds

BY PAT GIBSON

LORD'S (first day of four, Middlesex won toss): Middlesex have scored 400 for two wickets against Northampton-

AS WORDSWORTH might

have put it, bliss was it on that

pitch to be a batsman ... but

to be a Middlesex captain.

young or old, was very heav-

en. Or, in more prosaic terms.

things could not have gone much better for Mark Ramprakash and Mike

Gatting on the day one took over the leadership of the

county and the other set his

sights on a century of

Ramprakash did not need

any advice from Gatting be-

fore electing to bat on winning the toss and sitting back to wait for what was, indeed, a

heaven-sent opportunity. Jacques Kallis and Paul Weekes gave Middlesez their

best start of the season, Kallis

went on to score his first

hundred for the club, and then

Not surprisingly, Ramp-

rakash made a nervous start,

but he got all the support he

needed from his predecessor,

and by the time they complet-

ed their centuries on a beauti-

ful sunlik evening, both of them were revelling in the

character of the two innings.

Ramprakash reached his hun-

dred first, but it had taken him

380 minutes and 219 deliver-ies. It was his third of the

season and the 36th of his

career. Gatting, who had given Rampreizash 33 runs and 33 overs start, got to his century in only 156 minutes off 157 balls. It was his second of the season and the 92nd of his

Both reached their milestones with singles off Taylor.

the left-arm swing bowler, who by then had been reduced to bowling slow left-arm.

The statistics reveal the

seized the moment.

magic of it all.

CRICKET

Elliott and Langer make most of batting practice

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the

AFTER their bowlers had loosened up on Wednesday, it was the turn of Australia's batsmen to get in some valuable practice yesterday. Matthew Elliott, their first-choice opener, made 124 and Justin Langer, one of the spare batsmen, finished with 152 not out as they batted through the day before declaring at 354 for

They would have preferred their beleaguered captain to have made a century, but Mark Taylor lasted only half an hour before he was out leg-before to Martin Ball, the off spinner. He made 30 when he really needed a score such as Elliott's. "It was nice to spend some time in the middle," he said, "and it would have been nicer to have made more runs. But they're not bowling many

half-volleys." Taylor is taking a philosophical view of his poor form, and confirmed that he would lead Australia into the first Test, which starts at Edgbaston next Thursday. "! feel I'm middling the ball pretty well, but the problem now is a mental one," he said. "Every county match is like a Test match. If I can come through this patch, and get runs, then I'll be ready to go."

As ever, the Australia captain is conducting himself with grace and common sense. despite his lack of runs and the intense media interest in his failure. That interest resulted yesterday in some provocative paper, which greeted him at the ground with a three-foot wide bat it had mocked up on its back page, boasting that Taylor's tale of woe was the biggest story in Ashes cricket since the Bodyline series 60

years ago.
It should be borne in mind that this not-terribly amusing stunt had nothing to do with the paper's cricket correspondent, who was chastened by the whole wretched business. Compared with the "dec-laration of war" against Germany that its editor announced on the front page last June, before the European championship semi-final at Wembley, it could be said that

Taylor got off lightly. It was still an unsavoury business and Taylor confessed that he was disappointed by the morning ambush. "I don't think I should have to stand next to a three-foot bat to prove

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I have a sense of humour," he said. Quite right. "I was very nervous to start

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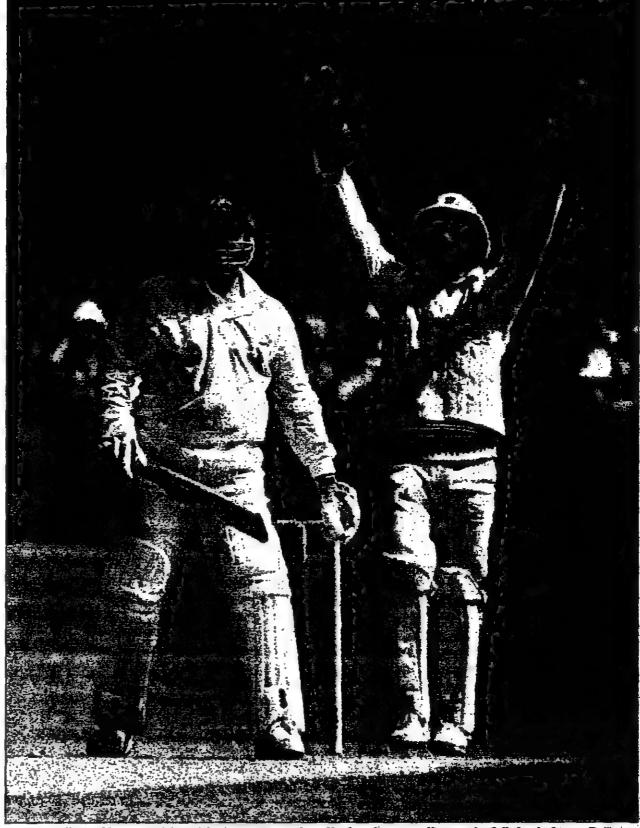
with." he said of his latest innings. "The pressure is on me, there's no getting away from that. It's not like playing here in county matches in 1989 and 1993. There are no freebies for me. I think I have not to play in the first Test, but I would like to get there on form

Elliott, the tall left-hander from Victoria, will be Taylor's opening partner at Edgbaston. His runs here meant that Michael Slater, the opener he deposed last winter, can have a game this weekend at Derby, where he made a hundred in two hours on the tour four years ago.

Together with Langer, El-liott added 192 for the second to Mike Smith, bowling the second over with the new ball. Elliott struck 18 boundaries and lifted Ball over mid-wicket for six. England could see an awful lot of him this summer.

Langer is unlikely to feature in the Test team unless Greg Blewett's knee injury fails to heal. His century came in quicker time and he reached it by the unglamorous means of two overthrows. The match had lost its sting by then, and the sight of Jack Russell bowling round-arm brought down the curtain on three pleasant days.

Chris Batt, an all rounder, Justin Bates, an off spinner. and James Pyemont, a batsclass debuts for Sussex against



Russell, the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper, appeals as Taylor, the Australia captain, falls leg-before to Bail

Yorkshire sixth-wicket pair hold key

ILFORD (first day of four: Essex won toss): Yorkshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 139 runs behind

THIS was a most extraordinary day's cricket, full of incident, entertainment and surprises. When the batsmen were not striking boundaries. the bowlers were taking wickets, and by stumps the tally stood at 455 runs and 15 wickets, with no partnership lasting more than 19 overs.

One upshot is that Essex. having done the important thing at St Valentine's Park and won the toss, are well on top and if they do not go on to win this match now it will be a surprise. They were all out for 297 - Gough taking five for 74 — and by stumps Yorkshire had stuttered to 158 for live. At one point they were 67 for five, before Michael Vaughan and

day and restored their crumbling hopes, Vaughan making a cultured 92 not out.

The other consequence is that, with 15 wickets falling in the day, the pitch will be reported as a matter of course to Lord's by umpires Sharp and Steele, but is likely to escape censure. The sheer volume of runs ought to be vindication enough, but if not. there was no shortage of poor shot selection worth taking

The pitch is green and dry. offering little to the fast bowlers except bounce but showing signs of turn even before lunch, by which time Yorkshire had already tried out Stemp and Vaughan. Stemp took three wickets with his left-arm spin, Such two for Essex with his off spin. Essex fully expect him to be their

match-winner now. They were nothing like so sanguine in mid-afternoon.

and were making pretty poor use of the best batting conditions the game will probably see. Prichard was yorked in Gough's second over but Gooch, Hussain, Stuart Law and Irani all got their feet under the table.

It was no great surprise when Gooch was bowied by



Gough: five wickets

expected were the departures of the others. Hussain had moved screnely to 42 when Stemp's extra bounce found the shoulder of his bat and gave Byas a simple slip catch. Law pushed forward tentatively to give another catch in the slips and Irani, having thumped the ball around to good effect, pushed forward at Gough and was caught

Gough was bowling superbly at this point, as he had in his first probing spell in the morning. Returning after lunch, he claimed three wickets in three overs, bowling yorkers and inswingers at will. Unfortunately, he and his colleagues let themselves down in seeking the last two wickets, grossly overdoing the bouncer and surrendering precious runs.

These two wickets yielded 113 runs, Cowan adding 84 in

Rollins led the w ay with some clean hitting and Cowan, who is a fast-rising new-ball

howler but no mean batsman either, soon caught his mood. He, too, planted his foot down the pitch and drove the ball handsomely. His unbeaten 43 was a career-best score and he has now more firstclass runs to his name this season than Gooch (135

against (34). Yorkshire were soon in trouble. Moxon was beaten by outswing in Bott's second over, while Byas spent II nfortable overs scoring five. Lehmann drove loosely at llott and was caught in the slips and White was no more

Only Parker could make excuses, run out at the nonstriker's end in the unluckiest of manners, via a deflection from Such's hand. Yorkshire's fragile hopes rest with their

Centurions flay Durham bowlers which tells you all you need to know all will be with the Northampton-

By BARNEY SPENDER

CARDIFF (first day of four, Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 433 for three wickets against Durham

SUMMER, at last, arrived in the Principality with a veri-geance and, for the decentsized crowd which turned up at Sofia Gardens yesterday, it spelt three things; cold pop, sun cream and the flattest of pitches that allowed the home batsmen to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

At the heart of it was a thrilling opening partnership. of 229 between Hugh Morris and Steve Jazzes, who both recorded their second centsries of the season. James got his before lunch, while for Morris it was his fiftieth in-Glamorgan colours. Then, when James departed for 153 and Morris followed for. 135, Adrian Dale, who fell just before the close for 73, and Matthew Maynard set Glamorgan up for a colossal total

today.
The pitch is expected to take spin as the game goes on and in Robert Croft and Dean Cosker, Glamorgan may have their match-winners.

This was a pretty good toss to win and Maynard had no hesitation in opting to bat first. Six overs into the innings, Morris and James had 32 on the board and the captain was free to turn his attention to the racing guide in the certain knowledge that his openers were set for a substantial partnership.

On present form, however, was hardly a surprise for this has to be the most consistent and complementary opening pair in the country: Morris, the doughty lefthander with the granite defence, and James, the beetlebrowed right-hander with a passion for making the boundary boards rattle. Either could fill in admirably at Edgbaston next week should Mike Atherton or Nick Knight not be available. This was their third

century partnership of the

James: fine century

Once Lloyd had been stumped beautifully off a well-flighted ball from obdurate and invaluable, and Chapple, who played better than anyone coming in at No 10 has a right new ball, but by then, Lancashire were well back in the game, and Milles was

season although, for good measure, James also pet on a hundred with Adrian Shaw in the win over Kent when Morris was injured.

They kept bowling balls in nice places, sames said kind-ly about the Durham attack. True, they did bowl poorly, especially with the new ball, and the fielding was also short of par, but that is not fair on James, who was in especially.

He had previously taken 109 off Yorkshire and has now passed fifty in six of his seven championship mrings, his only "failure" being a 46 against Kent. Yesterday, he raced to his fifty from 59 balls, survived a difficult chance to James Boiling in the gully on 58, and then, when the first of the all-run fours took him to 80, he had the pleasure of being the first man in the country to reach 500 runs in the championship. Morris was the second when he

reached 62. James went on to his century off 126 balls with his venteenth boundary, a flick through mid-wicket off Boiling. The record books suggested that it was the first Glamorgan hundred before lunch - since Maynard's against the 1993 Australians in Neath and the first on this ground since Majid Khan in 1969. By the time, midway through the afternioon, when he rifled a return catch back to Boiling, James had flayed the attack to the time of 153 runs from 184 balls: He struck: 24 boundaries and stretched Morris goodwill to the limit by calling for two all-run.

Morris continued to plunder the beleaguered attack and reached his own milestone just before tea with a swept boundary off the leftarm spin of David Cox, who was curiously under-used by David Boon. Morris partnership of 119 with Dale ended when he drove Collingwood to John Morris at extra cover.



Morris hit milestone ship was worth 181.

Ramprakash: careful

suspected what was coming

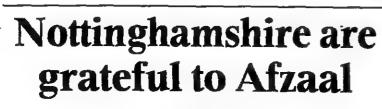
when Follett conceded 17 runs in his first over.
Follett, released by Middlesex at the end of last season. began with four wides, which count as six in the championship these days, conceded two ball. Kallis needed no second invitation to show his class, and with Weekes producing some punishing strokes of his own, they had 107 on the board in 23 overs when Weekes drove Curran straight

to extra cover. Perhaps Weekes had been unsettled by the sight of John Emburey, his former mentor, coming on in his role as twelfth man as well as Northamptonshire coach, and no doubt reflecting on the fact that his side could well do with his bowling. Emburey's ap-pearance had brought generous applause from the Middlesex faithful, but it had none of the warmth of the greeting for Ramprakash as he took up his onerous new

He was clearly taking his responsibilities seriously. needing 25 balls to get off the mark, but it hardly interrupt ed Middlesex's progress since Kallis was going so well. The South African is particularly powerful off the front foot, and he relished the short boundary on the Grandstand side as he advanced to 121, including 22 fours, off 162 balls in a little

under four hours. Then he drove Curran to extra cover in much the same way as Weekes had dongleaving the stage to the mad who is now taking on the hurtlen of leadership, and the rean who has carried it for nearly 14 seasons.

Both of them will be happing if there are many more day. continued to show the deterri ination he expects from he his release from such pres-sures. It was as though the were feeding off each other and by the close their partner batsmen. Gatting revelled as



By RICHARD HOBSON

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss): Kent, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 177 runs behind Nottinghamshire

FOR someone still in his teens, at least for another formight, Usman Afzaal shows remarkably little of the rashness one associates with youth. Patience is clearly a virtue in his mind and, not for the first time this season. Nottinghamshire were grateful for it yesterday.

Since introducing him for the first time this season against Lancashire, Notts have won both of their four-day games in climbing to second place in the table. Victory here will take them above Gloucestershire, the present leaders. Kent, however, are entitled to feel that they hold the initiative after dismissing the home side for 216. despite missing Dean Headley from their attack because of a back injury that will also rule him out of the first

Test against Australia next week. Afzaal was raised in Karachi, where his father served as an officer in the Pakistan army, and arrived in England at a time when Notts were not strangers to such an exulted position. He gained a reputation in schoolboy cricket as a left-arm spinner and

considers himself as an all-rounder. One tale illustrates his confidence. When Notts released Chris Lewis two years ago. Lewis suggested that Afzaal should fill his place in the Notts side and that, with regular opportunities. he could become an England player by the age of 21. On hearing this, Afzaal took umbridge. He told Lewis that he could become an international by 20

and proclaimed so publicly. The opinion of Lewis does not carry much weight within the hierarchy at Fleming, who finishe Trent Bridge and Afzaal has had to figures of five for 51.

force his way into the side by scoring heavily for the second team. At county level, at least, he will surely be a fixture for years to come.

Notts confirmed yesterday that they have terminated the contract of Mohammad Zahid and are waiting to learn from the English Cricket Board whether they can sign an alternative overseas player on the grounds that Zahid never made an appearance because of his back problem. Ata-ur-Rehman, another Pakistan fast bowler,

is the most likely replacement. Notts have not been let down by their ounger English-qualified players so far. Indeed, the two lowest scorers in the top order yesterday were their two most experienced batsmen. Metcalfe and Johnson. With Fleming and Ealham swinging the ball around on a warm morning, scoring was never easy and Dowman lost his composure after close to two hours when he

nibbled at Fleming. Ealham trapped the uncertain Gie leg before on the back foot and tempted Johnson to follow one to second slip in successive overs before McCague produced a snorter that lifted and left Archer, whose 49 exceeded the aggregate of his previous seven champion-

Notts were 122 for six when Fulton held Noon smartly caught at short leg. but Afzaal consistently showed the full face of his bat in adding 58 in 22 overs with Evans.

The latter perished to an attempted hook and, after a stay of 186 minutes, Afzaal edged an attempted steer to Marsh, one of six catches for the wicketkeeper, thus beginning a spell of three wickets in eight deliveries for Fleming, who finished with career-best

Leicestershire attack thwarted by Lloyd

LEICESTER (first day of four, Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 365 for nine wickets against

LEICESTERSHIRE were not quite able to achieve the final breakthrough in time to claim the day. They bowled well and fielded magnificently in the face of losing the toss, in conditions made for haming, captured six good wickets before Lancashire had reached 200, but then saw Graham Lloyd make 82, staging a rescue with the indomitable Warren Hegg, who, coming in at the fall of the sixth wicker, went on to play the longest innings of the day.

With the cheerful help of Glen Chapple, Hegg continued Lancashire's revival. Thus a day that had begun with the good news - for Leicestershire - that Wasim Akram would not be playing, due to his troublesome shoulder injury, and saw Alan Mullally's four wickets push Leicesterstrire to the brink of success, ended with honours even.

Llovd's was a combative innings, full of belligerence despite the knowledge that a number of earlier dismissals had been the result of too much confidence and insufficient application. While Hegg held firm, Lloyd met fire — and there was plenty of that from Millns and Mulially — with fire. His 82 came from 101 balls; his 12 fours were the result of a keen eye and a batsman in the full bloom of confidence.

Previous scores of 225 against Yorkshire, 102 against Durham, and 62 against Nottinghamshire were a helpful background to Lloyd's irnings against one of the best county attacks. He certainly did Lancashire proud. Before Hegg joined Lloyd, Leicester-shire were riding high. To have reduced batting of the order of Lancashire's to 179 for six on a good batting pitch was an achievement worthy of the 1996 champions. Although the fine edge to a vibrant display became dulled in the heat of a long day. Leicestershire stuck well to their task Whitaker made the most of his All, save Gallian, of Lancashire's

formidable early batsmen, seemed well set before they were out. Gallian had scored 12 of a brief opening partnership before being well picked up, low down, at slip by Johnson, who has proved a useful bits-and-pieces How useful was shown when he took

a hand in two of the next three wickets to fall. This did not include that of Atherton. Entirely unassisted, Mulially accomplished the England captain's downfall with a ball of good length which straightened. Atherton was turned round square to the bowler when the ball flicked his off bail. A gilt-edged calling card from

Mullally, then, just to ensure that he was not forgotten. He also came back later to all but destroy the Lancashire middle order, but before then Johnson had played a notable part by having John Crawley caught behind and, amid a flurry of bouncers, inducing Fairbrother to swat the ball to extra

Pierson, it was chiefly a tale of Hegg. to do. Hegg was bowled by the second looking a little the worse for wear.

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CRICKET: WORCESTERSHIRE OPENER SHOWS TRUE GRIT AFTER HICK FAILS IN FRONT OF ENGLAND COACH

Curtis soldiers on with century duty

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (first day of four Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 270 for six wickets against

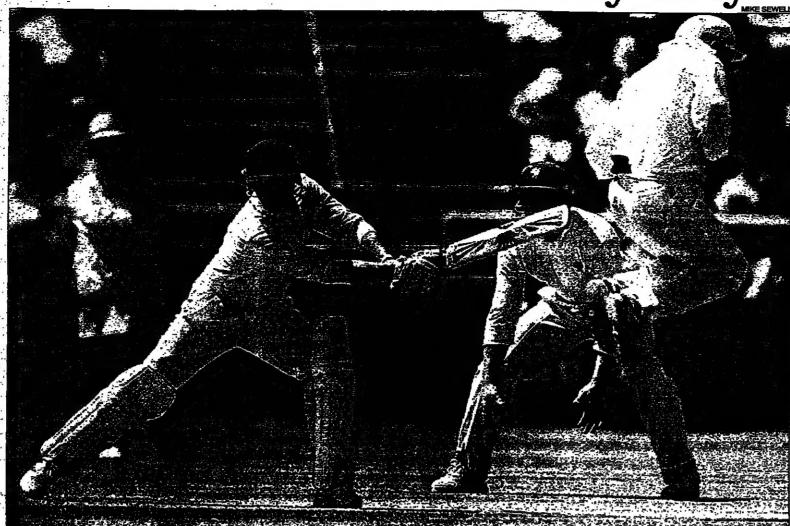
FOR those with time on their hands and tradition in their soul, there is no better place than New Road in the early summer sunshine. Yesterday, while the club was entertaining relatives of the seven er brothers, who played for them from 1899 to 1934, a modern day stalwart, Tim Curtis, was making the type of stoical, undemonstrative century that has been his trademark for almost 20 years.

His runs keeping pace with the overs, in the habit of half a lifetime. Curus milked a persevering Somerset attack on a slow, bland pitch. The 41st century of his career occupied exactly six hours, gratifying symmetry for this most precise player. These were tranquil events on a day to match but, away from the middle. Woreestershire cricket was being forced to contemplate

With mutual regret, Dave Houghton and the club have announced an imminent parting. Houghton had planned to commit himself full time to coaching Worcestershire -terms had been discussed and agreed — but a persuasive offer to become national coach of his native Zimbabwe was impossible to resist.

He will leave in August and, within minutes of the announcement, Mike Vockins, the county secretary, had fielded a phone call from the first applicant. There will be no hasty appointment but an intriguing contender could be the former captain of the

county, Phil Neale. Since his retirement as a player, Neale has coached Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. He is in his third season at Edgbaston but is



Curtis forces a close fielder to take evasive action with a rare aggressive stroke during an obdurate innings of 101 at New Road yesterday

helieved to be unhappy that the club has so far not responded to his request for an extended contract. He still lives in Worcester and a return to the club he regards as home is a distinct possibility.

Neale and Curtis may cross in the revolving door of career change as Curtis announced last month that this was to be his final season before moving permanently into teaching.
This was vintage Curtis.

correct, obstinate and intense. with just the occasional ounctuation of fluency from an off drive or of violence with a pull. Until edging Graham Rose to slip in the 95th over, he had not offered a chance and scarcely played a faise stroke.

Curtis's contribution was the more significant for the absence of Tom Moody. A back strain forced the Australian to miss a championship match for the first time since he took on the captaincy after Curtis's resignation -two years ago. Worcestershire's runs potential was thus diminished, the more so when Graeme Hick failed to deliver. David Lloyd, the England

coach, was on the ground, largely to satisfy himself that Andy Caddick's bowling is in good order. This mission was accomplished but the first of two wickets in 23 probing overs from Caddick was that of Hick. who will not have improved his prospects of a Test match return through a casual pull that looped to square leg off the top edge.

Caddick ran in with gusto.

not least when removing Leatherdale leg-before in his first over with the second new ball. His line was good but the lack of bounce was not to his liking. Nor, at first, did it suit Mushtaq Ahmed, who struggled for much of the day but

found his rhythm in the last the day.

Proceedings, however, had belonged to the timeless Cur-

session, occasionally extracting turn and having Solanki dropped from the last ball of

tis, chugging along with 27 in the first session and 40 between lunch and tea. Gavin Haynes was the more active stand of 129 but three late

there is no reason why I can't go to Coventry and win it again." however, Knight was caught at the its most impressive representatives will be complete a week on Sunday when be celebrates a testimonial to mark ten

years with Bradford. He has chosen the testimonial broof the troubled early days of his career. "No one has got the true

story from me. Since winning the world championship, supporters all over the country have been there for me and I think they deserve to know the truth." he said.

Havelock's main contenders for the British crown will be Chris Louis, of Ipswich, Andy Smith, Coventry's home-track expert, and Joe Screen, who is guaranteed a place in the world championship rounds as the defending British champion.

IN BRIEF

SPEEDWAY

Havelock

ready for

return to

world stage

BY TONY HOARE

BRITAIN'S last world cham-

pion takes his first steps

towards regaining that dis-tinction this Sunday when he

competes in the British final of

the world championship at Coventry. Gary Havelock, who won the world title in

1992, is one of 16 riders aiming

for a place in the qualifying

meetings of the 1998 world

championship. Havelock, 28, was the top

British rider after two rounds

of the grand prix series last

year and showed much of the

style that powered him to his

brilliant world championship

win five years ago. Three days

before the third event, though

the England captain crashed

riding for his country against

Australia at Poole, suffering a

fractured second vertebra in

Missing the rest of the

season ruled him out of the

1997 grand prix and, thus, the world championship. An oper-

ation to fuse two of his

vertebrae together saved Havelock's career and he

now has a more relaxed app-

After two bans in 1989 and

1990, one for a drugs offence

and the other for alleged bad

behaviour at a meeting. Have-

lock won British champion-

ships in the next two seasons.

The first ban ruled him out for

the entire 1989 season and the

anger fuelled his ambition.
Then I felt the world was

against me and I had a point

to prove," Havelock said. "I

don't think I have anything to

prove any more: my record

"Coming back from major

spinal surgery is psychologi-

cal. At the start of the season I

was quite aware of it, but now

that has almost gone from my

mind. There is no rider I fear

in Britain or the world and

Havelock's transition from speedway's bad boy to one of

speaks for itself.

his lower back.

roach.

Lomu hopes to return against **England**

JONAH LOMU, who played practically all his first-class rugby while ill with a kidney disease, has set his sights on an international comeback against England at Old Trafford in November. That is the first of two internationals New Zealand will play in England at the end of the year, by which time Lomu hopes to be fully fit.

"My dream is to be back wearing the No II shirt in the All Black team and the first big date is October 30 when the team to tour England is announced," he said. Lomu, 21, decided to stop playing in January to treat a disease called nephrotic syndrome, which could have caused chronic kidney damage. Richard Loe, the prop who

played 49 internationals for New Zealand, has retired because of a serious neck

Almsick out

Swimming: Franziska van Almsick will not compete at the European championships in Seville, Spain, in August after a motorcycle accident in Berlin left her needing an operation on her hand. Van Almsick became world 200 metres freestyle champion in 1994. A spokesman for Berlin Swimming Club said she hoped to get back into training in time to defend that title in Perth, next

Bulls in finals

Basketball: Chicago Bulls reached the National Basketball Association finals for the fifth time in seven years with a 100-87 victory over Miami Heat. Michael Jordan scored 15 of his 28 points in the first quarter. Chicago had to cope with the loss of Scottie Pippen after seven minutes with a sprained left foot.

Sved stays top

Table tennis: Matthew Syed and Lisa Lomas have retained the top spots in the England ranking lists, published yesterday. Alan Cooke, of Chesterfield, who is expected to retire from international play soon, has moved from No 3 up to No 2, leapfrogging Carl Prean, of the Isle of Wight

Irish slump

52-39.

Rugby union: Ireland A turned in an encouraging second-half display but still slumped to a third consecutive defeat in New Zealand in Rotorua yesterday. The tour team trailed Bay of Plenty by 42 points after 25 minutes, but after that the Bay side went to sleep, allowing the Irish to close the gap before losing

Moles leads Warwickshire towards prosperity



Moles: early escape

Britannic Assurance

By JOHN THICKNESSE

SOUTHAMPTON first day of four. Warwickshire won toss): Warwick-shire have scored 351 for two wickets against Hampshire

WARWICKSHIRE can have no complaints numerically about their first day's work in cloudless south-coast weather. Yet, given a flying start by Nick Knight and Andy Moles, whose opening stand brought 154 in 39 overs, and buttressed by Moles's ninth score above 150, they did not make the most of superb batting conditions against one of the weakest attacks in county

Handicapped by the absence of Allan Donald, who strained his side during the Benson and Hedges quarter-final on Tuesday, they may have to bowl very well to win the match unless conditions change dramatically. Knight's 81 off 116 balls can only

bolster his confidence since, up to yesterday, he had passed 12 only once this season. His defence remained untested, though, for he had little more to do than punish long hops and half-volleys. Moles, the economy of that of David Boon, looked bound to bat all day until, 20 minutes from the close, he carelessly cuffed a long hop to square leg to give newcomer Derek Kenway a wicket with his third ball in

On a white pitch that offered nothing to the bowlers, it was obvious Hampshire faced a long haul from the moment Knight won the toss, but Warwickshire's start was made easier than it should have been by Cardigan Connor's unexpected waywardness. Normally so dependable, the 36-yearold bowled so short and wide to Knight that the left-hander hooked, cut and forced him for five fours in four overs. Hampshire might have

limited the damage but for giving Moles a life at six, when he edged Jim Bovill shoulder-high between two immobile slips. Such was the perfection of the pitch,

though, and the impossibility of flats' side, that Moles's runs would probably have been scored by someone else. Robin Smith shouldered an unenviable burden, standing in as captain for the injured John Stephenson. Even so, it seemed unduly pessimistic when he cried out, with a note of desperation: "A bit of magic here, chaps!" in only the third over of the game.

Knight overshadowed Moles in the 75 minutes it took him to reach 50 but by late morning Moles was placing his off-side strokes so precisely that he often did not have to run for them. Only one ball, from Bovill, went past a defensive bat in 36 overs before lunch. Fifteen minutes into the afternoon,

wicket off an inside edge and Warwickshire lost impetus. Moles advanced steadily on first first-class hundred of the season, but being missed at 18, at long leg by Bovill at Hemp that 37 was his highest score in 16 previous innings, which understandably persuaded him not to make a present of his wicket.

In the event, he had a lucky escape off the last ball before tea, when he lost his footing as he turned following Moles's rejection of a single off a hard hit to mid-off. Hemp, on his backside, was at Hampshire's mercy but was reprieved when Bovill threw to White, the bowler, whose relay to the wicketkeeper, low and wide, left Aymes too much to do. This innings may turn Hemp's season. But the fact that his 50 took 165 minutes to complete may prove costly in terms of a win for his team.

FOR THE RECORD

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ENGLISH WOMEN'S ROMBOUTC COFFEE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (Johns Trophy): First round: Cumbria bit
Johnson 110-107. Notherpharmshire bit Lancashire 147-92. Lincolnshire bit Derbyshire
119-118 (eiter extra end): Yorkshire bit
Johnson 112-112. Notfolk bit Suffolk
127-94. Bedfordshire bit Lecasiershire
135-124; Oxfordshire bit Cambridge135-124; Oxfordshire bit Wanwickshire
115-99. Huntingdonshire bit Cambridgeshire 119-99; Comwell bit Isle of Wight
140-90; Witishire bit Gauciestershire
147-99; Somerset bit Devon 120-107; Essex
18 Erickshire 129-98; Surrey bit Heritordshire
117-40. Kerd bit Bucdonghamshire 123-105.
Middlesex bit Sussex 110-97.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Ashford: Yen 230 (1 H Baldock 77 not out; K A Parsons 5-39) Somerset 136-4; Hinckley: Leosstershire 256 (D Williamson 83, J Ormond 60, K P Sheetaz 4-61, R Tumel 4-56); Gloucestershire 75-1, Elland: Essex 240 (D D J Robertson 109, A C Mores 4-35); Yortshire 3-1 Knowle and Domidge: Warnickshire 318-8 (D A T Delfon 54, S McDonald 62 not out; Hampchire Slockton: Giarnoigan 370 (M J Powel 132: J Wood 4-55); Durham 56-0 Cheedle: Derbyshire 402-7 dec (D Blackwell 102, G A Knan 97) Lancashire 34-0. A Krisen 9/) Lencessitie 3-40. THE PARIS (firsal day of three): Ordord University 203 and 570 for tive dec. (M Wagh 112, R Hudson 56, J Fulton 53) MCC 269 and 257 (Wagh 6-70). Oxford University won by 47 runs.

CYCLING BOWLS

GIRO D'ITALIA: Eleventh stage (Lido di

Camatore to Lido di Camatore, 158km); 1, G Missaglia (ti, Mapei) 3hr 36min 24sec; 2, A Valletoni (ti, Songro); 3, M Celestino (ti, Potil); 4, M Podenzara (ti, Mercatone Uno) all same time; 5, F Cabello (Sp. Kelme Costa Bianca) at 15sec, 6, M Fincato (ti, Rosictio) same time. Leading overall positions: 1, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) 49hr 34min 40sec; 2, L Lebianc (Fr, Team Potil) at 41sec; 3, I Gotti (ti, Secoc) Imm 7sec; 4, R Petito (ti, Saco) 1:09: 5, A Patuan (ti, Cartona Toto) 1:39: 6, A Noc' (ti, Asics) 1 43 betind.
MIDI LIBRE: Second stage (Baraqueville to Sami Chely of Apoher, 205km); 1, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) 5hr 14min 43sec; 2. F Simon (Fr, Gen); 3, B Voskamp (holi, Tym.), 4, G Totschnig (Austria, Telekom); 5, A Etil (ti, Casino): 6, A Kasputis (LL, Cesino) at 11 same time Laading overall positions: 1, Etil 10hr 40min 31sec; 2, Dufaux at 3min 14sec, 3, Voskamp B 22; 4, Totschnig 822; 5, Kasputis 826, 6, D Plaza (Sp. Cofidis) same time Wednesday's late results
EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Juvenius 1
Borussia Dortmund 3 (in Munch)
COPA LIBERTADORES: Cuarter-final, final
leg: Crucsero (Br) 2 Grentio (Br) 0. Second
leg: Sporting Cristal (Peru) 3 Bolivar (Bol) 0
(Sporting with 4-2 on agg), Racing Cub
(Arg) 1 Penarol (Linu) 0 (1-1 on agg; Racing
with 3-2 on penst; Colo Colo (Chie) 3
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1 (Colo Colo
with 4-3 on agg)

Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1 (Colo Coto wird 4-3 on agg) EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Qualifying group three; France 2 Finland 1 (in Potiers).
TOULON UNDER-20 TOURNAMENT: Croatia 3 Holland 2; France 2 Medico 1 (both at Autoagne) HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 2

Pakistan 3 (in Sydney; best-ol-sx sense fied 2-2)

STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES: Outenstand 6 New South Wales 8 (in Brisbane)

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCHES: North West (larmerly Western Transvaal) 46 Tonga 6 (in Potchef-stroom); Bay of Ptenty 52 Instand Develop-ment XV 39 (in Rolorua)

GIBRALTAR: Commonwealth Federation, European division championshipe: Riffer Smallbore: Merr J. Burrage (Engl 594; 2. C Tomison (Gib) 594 (p. countback); 3. H. Creew (Fels of Man) 591 Womer. 1. N. Barnck Liersey; 579, 2. M. Hearny (N. Irel 578; 3. P. Lutlechild (Scot) 573 Three-position rifle: 1. C Hector (Engl.), 1,144; 2. Posts (Engl.), 1,37; 3. A Lewis (N. Irel), 1,175 Air Riffer; 1. Hector 591; 2. Potts (591; 3. Lewis 592, Pistot: Rapid Fire: 1, R. Fillery (Engl.) 569; 2. H. Hutter (Scot) 555; 3. W. James (Wales) 544 Centire Fire: 1, S. Craft Wales) 562; 2. J. Tolland (Scot) 551, 3. D Bernard (Jen) 559 Standard Pistot; 1, R. Evenn (Wales) 547; 2. Craft 543; 3. Bernard 541 GIBRALTAR: Commonwealth Fed

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston): Positions at 14,00 GMT yesterday (with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 1,719; 2. Savo The Chalcha 1,790; 3. Concert 1,845, 4. Global Teamwork 1,862, 5. Toshibat Wave Warmor 1,882, 6. Commercial Union 1,885; 7, Motorola 1,888, 8. Courtsuids International 1,842, 9, Pause 7o Remember 1,985, 10, Heath Insured II 2,080; 11, Nuclear Electric 2,710; 12, Ocean Rover 2,122, 13, 3Com 2,197, 14, Time & Tide 2,263.

RESULTS FROM FRENCH OPEN

Marv and O Morel (Fr) 7-5, 6-3; K Brassch and J Knippschild (Ger) bt H Jan Dawds and S Schalken (Holl) 5-7, 6-4, 9-7; G Kuerlen and F Meigen (Br) bt N Pereva (Ven) and J Terango (US) 8-1, 4-6, 8-6; M Brupusthi and I. Pees (Indie) bt D Randell and J Walte (US) 8-2, 6-2; J Bjorhmen and N Kull (Swe) bt S Grospeen and O Musts (Fr) 6-1, 6-4, G Kuerten and F Meigen (IS) 6-1, 4-6, Bagle and A Florent (Aus) bt A Clement and N Escude (Fr) 4-6, 8-4, 6-2; O Debülte and F Santoro (Fr) bt P Alberto (Arg) and P Nyborg (Swe) 3-6, 7-8, 6-4; E Ferrera (SA) and P Gebrash (US) bt A Kittinov (Macao) and G van Emburgh (US) 6-3, 6-2.

ShVGLES: Second round: V Pueno-Pascuel (Sp) bt A Cocheleux (F1) 6-4, 6-2. M J Ferrendez (US) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-1, 6-0; D van Roost (Bel) bt E Gegland (Smitz) 6-2, 8-0, S Testud (F1) bt C Cristee (Rom) 6-0, 6-4; A Sánchez Vicano (Sp) bt A Sugharna (Japan) 6-3, 6-1; S Fanna (II) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; M Seles (US) bt S Pittowski (F1) 6-3, 7-5; N Zvanva (Bela) bt M Lamarne (F1) 6-4, 7-5; M Hungis (Switz) bt Y Yoshude (Japan) 6-3, 6-0; B Paulus (Austria) bt Wang Shi-Ting (Tawan) 6-2, 6-2; A Kournikova (Russ) bt S Cocchire (II) 6-2,

6-2; F Perietti (ff) bi L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; L Reymond (US) bi T Tanasugam (Tha) 6-1; N Teuzsat (Fr) bi V Williams (US) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5

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DOUBLES: First round: A Koumikova and E Likhovisave (Puss) bt E Martmoova and H Vidova (C2) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; E Calleris (Bel) and G Heigeson Nielsen (US) bt J. Montako and P Suarez (Arg) 1-75, 1-6, 6-2; R Herak (Liapan) and F Labai (Arg) br N Diechy and L Ghezral-Rubb (Fr) 6-4, 8-4, H Negyove (Slovelus) and P Schmyder (Switz) br A Barna and A Barna (Ge) 6-2, 7-5; N Arendi (US) and M Bollegral (Hoff) br N Freye (Ger) and S Noortlands (Hoff) 6-1, 6-1, N Arendi (US) and M Bollegral (Hoff) and 1, 6-1, M Bobbl (Ger) and L Golarsa (II) bit R Nodeliter (SA) and K Rinald-Sturtuel (US) 6-0, 6-2; K Boogeri (Hoff) and 1 Spries (Rom) bit M Grzybowska and A Otsza (Pol) 6-1, 6-1; C Martina; (Sp) and P Tarabini, (Arg) bt A Dechaume-Balleret and S Tiestud (Fr) 8-3, 6-3; L Daveport (US) and J Novotre (C2) bt L Plaming and N Prati (Aus) 6-0, 6-1; C Daraporni (Bon) and D Varonva (Bela) bt A Createnan (US) and K Habsudova (Sc) visited (US) and N Zverova (Bela) bt A Createnan (US) and K Habsudova (Sovatel) 6-0, 6-0; Y Besuki (Indi) and C Vs (Hoff) bt O Lugma (Usr) and E Wisgner (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; E Lot and A Mauresmo (Fr) bt M do Swartti (SA) and A Ternessvan (Hun) 6-3, 6-4

county championship Essex v Yorkshire ILFORD (first day of four, Essex won loss). Yoskshim, with the first-traines toss): Yorkshire, with the first-trainings wickets in hand, are 139 runs behind Essen: BSSEX: First Immos

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M C liot c White b Stemp A P.Cowen not out _____ P M.Such b Gough _____ Edres (b.11, nb 12)

Total (82.5 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-71, 3-97, 4-149, 5-151, 6-151, 7-161, 8-184, 9-268 BOMILING: Gough 15.5-3-74-5; Silver-wood 6-0-33-0; Hartley 4-0-26-0; Stemp 22-4-79-3; White 11-3-54-2; Vaughan 4-0-20-0. YORKSHIRE: First Invings

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D Gough, R D Stemp, P J Hartley and C E W Saverwood to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-45, 3-58, 4-58, 5-67 BOWLING: Bott 10-3-43-2; Cowen 3-0-12-0; Such 16-5-49-2; Grayson 4-0-16-0; Irani 2-0-23-0; S G Law 4-0-14-0. Bonus points: Essex 4 Yorkshire 4

Umpires: G Sherp and J F Steele. Glamorgan v Durham

CARDIFF (first day of tour, Glamorg won toss): Glamorgan have scored 4 for three wickets against Durham GLAMORGAN: First Innings

Total (3 wids, 106 overs) ... R D B Croft, †A D Shaw, Wager Younis, S D Thomas, S L Watkin and D A Cosker to ball.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-229, 2-348, 3-408 BOWLING: Brown 22-1-80-0; Foster 17-3-92-0; Walker 21-4-76-1; Bolling 26-4-82-1; Collingwood 11-1-51-1; Cox 9-1-42-0.

DURHAM: JJB Lewis, PD Collingwood JE Mcris, NJ Speek, *DC Boon, 1M i Speight, MJ Foster, J Boiling, SJ I Brown, DM Cox, A Walker. Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Durham 1, Umples: A A Jones and B J Mever.

Vote Vare in Care and a service

(a) A form of metonymy (part for whole, eg the Crown, the Stage) in which the general idea substituted is considerably removed from the particular detail.

Of the Greek for a garland. The term has come to denote the retorded genealogy of a family, a family tree. By transference it also denotes the tree of descent or lineage of a text. A manuscript may exist in several versions. There are "good" texts and "bad" off corrupt texts. A scholarly edition of a text will take into account all the available data, readings, versions and extendations. A published text may in turn be subject to receiving, hence recension and reduction.

FYRTIOTALISTERNA (b) In the 1940s a group of modernist Swedish poets founded a interny magazine called 40-tal (the Forties). So the term means

Poets of the Forties'.
FRETTAG'S PYRAMID (a) The German critic Gustav Freytag, in Die Technik des Dramas [1862] analysed the structure of a typical five-act play thus: (a) instruction: (b) inciting moment (c) rising action: (d) climax (c) falling action: (f) catastrophe. The climax is the apex of the granidal structure.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Och71 Kxh7 2 Rh3+ Nh4 3 Rxh4+ Kg6 4 Rh6+ Kg5 5 f4+ Kxg4 6 Ne3 checkings

Hampshire v Warwickshire SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four, Warwickshire won toss) Warwickshire have scored 351 for two wokets ageinst WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

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county cricket.

Total (2 wids, 106 overs) ____ D P Ostler, T L Penney, D R Brown, N M K Smith, A F Glies, fT Frost and D A Akree to FALL OF WICKETS: 1-154, 2-338

BOWLING: Connor 18-3-69-0; Bowii 22-3-87-1; James 10-2-31-0; Heyden 3-0-19-0; Maru 25-2-73-0, Udal 25-8-60-0; White 2-0-3-0; Kenway 1-0-5-1 HAMPSHIFE: M.L. Hayden, G.W. White, K. D. James, "R. A. Smith, W. S. Kendell, D. A. Kerway, † A. N. Aymes, S. D. Udel, R.J. Meru, C. A. Connor, J. N. B. Boyil.

Umpires: J W Holder and A G T Whitehead. Leicestershire v Lancashire LEICESTER (first day of four, Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: Hist Immigs
JE R Gettlen C Johnson to Mates
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J.P. Crawley c Nison b Johnson
N H Fairbrother c Whitaker b Johnson
G D Lloyd st Nison b Pierson:
1 D Austin c Johnson b Mullelly
W K Hegg b Parsons
P J Marrin c Nison b Mullelly
G Chance not out Keedy not out _____ ras (b 6, tb 5, w 2, nb 30) ____

BCWLING. Milins 17-1-72-1; Mullelly 23-5-74-4; Parsons 24-4-76-1; Planson 18-4-34-1; Johnson 16-0-76-2; Wells 6-0-22-0. LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L. Maddy, B F Smith, "J J Whitaker, N C Johnson, A Habib, †P A Nizon, D J Milhas, G J Parsons, A R K Person, A D Multally. Bonus points: Leicestershire 4 Lancashire 4

Umpires: B Lieadbeater and R Palmer. Middlesex v Northamptonshire LORD'S (first day of lour, Modifiesex won loss): Middlesex have scored 400 for two wickets against Northermptonshire MEDDLESEX: First Innings

Total (2 wkts, 104 overs) . J C Pooley, 1K R Brown, S P Moffet, R L Johnson, J P Hewitt, A R C Freser and P C R Tufnell to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-219. BOWLING: Taylor 27-9-67-0; Follett 12-0-77-0; Capel 9-1-62-0; Curran 18-5-47-2; Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant.

Penberthy 17-2-53-0; Snape 14-2-59-0; Beiley 7-0-28-0. NORTH-AMPTONSHIRE: D J Roberts, R R Montgomerie, "R J Bailey, K M Curran, A L Penberthy, D J Capet, T C Watton, 1D Ripley, J N Snape, D Follett, J P Taytor.
Borus points: Middlesex 4 Northamotonshire 0. Umpires: R Julian and J D Bond.

Nottinghamshire v Kent TRENT BRIDGE first day at lour, Not-tinghamshire won toss): Kent, with nine first-mungs wholess in hand, are 177 runs behind Nottinghamshire NOTTINGHAMSHIRE; First Innings

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
A A Metcalife C Marsh b Pfilips
7 M P Downan c Marsh b Fleming
21
G F Archer c Marsh b McCague
49
P Johnson c Ward b Eathern
9
P Johnson c Ward b Eathern
0
U Atzael c Mersh b Fleming
14
K P Evans c Marsh b Heming
14
K P Evans c Marsh b McCague
26
P J Frants not out
21
R T Betes c Marsh b Fleming
0
M N Bowen b Fleming
0
M N Bowen b Fleming
15
Total (89.5 overs)
216

KENT: First Innings D P Futton not out
M.J Walter a Downan b Bowen
B.J Phillips not out
Eutras (w 4)
Total (1 wkt, 12 overs)

T R Werd, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, M V Reming, P A Strang, "†S A Marsh end M J McCague to bat. Mersh end M J McCague to dat. FALL OF WICKET: 1-27. BOWLING: Evans 2-0-8-0; Franks 5-0-18-0; Bowen 4-0-15-1; Bates 1-1-0-0. Borus points: Notingharishire 1 Kent 4. Umpires: A Clarkson and D R Shephard Worcestershire v Somerset WORCESTER (first day of lour, Worcester-stire won toss) Worcestershire have scored 270 for six wickets against Somersel

WORCESTERSHIFE: First brings Total (6 wkts, 104 overs) SR Lampit, PJ Newport and A Shenyar to Dell. Fall. Of Wickets: 1-35, 2-61, 3-101, 4-230, 5-245, 6-254.

4-250, 5-245, 6-254.
BOWLING: Caddick 23-8-49-2: Shine 13-5-25-0; Dimond 9-2-25-0; Rose 20-6-4-3; Mushtag Ahmed 27-10-66-0; Burns 10-2-40-1; Bowler 2-2-0-0.
SOMERSET: *P D Bowler, M N Lathwell, P C L Hollowey, R J Harden, M Dimond, M Burns, G D Rose, R H J Turner, Mushtag Ahmed, A R Caddick, K J Shine. Bonus points: Worcestershire 2 Somersat 2.

GLASGOW: World championship: Men: Second round? P G Christonsen (Den) bt Yong Hock Kn (Melayssa) 4-15, 15-8, 15-2; Fung Permasi (Tawan) bt Chang Jeng-Snyung (Tawan) 15-11, 15-6; B Santoso (Indo) bt R Magnusson (Swe) 17-14, 15-11, Sun Jun (Chrea) bt Hwang Sun Ho (S Kor) 15-9, 15-2; K Han (US) bt Tam Kai Chuen (HG) 18-13, 15-11; J Supnanto (Indo) bt K Taltranov (Um) 15-8, 15-11; Juo Yigang (Chine) bt F Silva (Por) 15-3, 9-14, 15-4, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt Wong Chron Han (Metaysia) 18-16, 15-11. Women: second round: Huang Chie-Chi (Tawan) bt Metuswath (Indo) 11-4, 11-7; Hen Jingna (Chuna) bt A Gibson (Soot) 11-0, 11-6, C Mantri (Den) bt Perk Lin Hyun (S Kor) 11-1, 11-2; S Susanti (Indo) bt Chan Ya-Lin (Tawant) 11-1, 11-1; Km Ji Hyun (S Kor) bt T Duangsiri (That) 11-2, 11-0; Gong Zischao (Chine) bt M Tanaka (Jepan) 11-6, 11-0; Zhang Ning (China) bt J Mestuswath (Hol) 11-2, 11-8; Zeng Yegong (China) bt M Sorensen (Den) 11-12, 11-3

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 5 Chicago White Sox 3, Boltimore B Detroit 1; New York Yankees 6 Toronio 4, Cleveland 10 Kansas Chy 3; Mirmasota 3 Mirwaukee 1; Anaherm 14 Celdend 10; Seettle 5 Totas 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Phitsburgh 4 Chicago Cubs 1; Caronnata 2 Philistelphia 0; New York Mess 7 Montreel 0

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA) Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Finals: Chicago 100 Manni 87 (Chicago win best-of-seven

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Backley, now injury-free, believes he can improve markedly on his performances of 1996, when he was still good enough to win Olympic silver.

Invisible man ready to appear

teve Backley, Britain's most successful championship athlete over the past three years, is 6ft 5in and 15 stone. Yet, as he watched over a project bearing his name to find the next generation of medal-winning javelin throwers, he labelled himself "the invisible man".

No British athlete can match Backley's record of having finished in the top two of every international championship outdoors since 1994: Commonwealth and European champion, Olympic and world silver medal-winner. If only people would notice

"It goes like this," Backley said. Medal, well done, day of press, forget him again. I do not do the event for recognition, but I have been disappointed the last three years. I have been the invisible man and I suppose it is partly my own fault because I have played myself down."

Time for change. After the best winter training of his life. Backley is now shouting about his ability. "I am ready to talk the talk and walk the walk, to sing it. dance it." he said. "Although I have walked it the last three years, I have not talked it."

So here goes. "At 28, I am in the best shape of my life by miles. he said. What, even compared with 1990, when you broke the world record twice? "All over it. All over it. Twenty per cent stronger, 20 per cent faster. I want to throw a lifetime best [at present 91.46m] this year and, if I do that at the world championships in Athens, it will

David Powell, athletics correspondent, finds that Steve Backley still has several points to prove

Backley's medal was arguably the most remarkable won by any athlete in Atlanta. Three months before the Olympics, he underwent surgery on an Achilles tendon. He was on crutches for six weeks and did not secure his place in the British team until four weeks before the Games.

Here comes that talk again. "The fact that I threw 87 metres and got an Olympic silver medal from nothing makes me think I can go 100 metres," Backley said. "I am not saying this year, but if I can put together two or three injury-free years."

Jan Zelezny, from the Czech Republic, has stood between Backley and the grand slam of championships. Zelezny denied the Briton Olympic and world gold, has succeeded him as world record-holder and again leads the rankings this year, with 94.02 metres. Backley, though, is ready for a return to the good old days when Zelezny was

in his shadow. More of that talk. "I am ready to do battle like never before," he said. "I am. ready for Jan, even if he is in the best shape of his life." In Latvia tonight, Backley warms up for the challenges ahead with his first competition of the season, as does Jonathan Edwards.

Britain's triple jump world champion. It is not difficult to pinpoint why Backley has had the lowest media profile of Britain's leading athletes. While he has dodged the hot coals of injury sufficiently to appear in the championships, he has trodden on them often enough to have been severely restricted in appearances on the international circuit.

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The last few years I have not got my teeth into competing," Backley said.
"The mentality has been to get into as good a shape as I can for the championships and it has paid off. Now I want to get in amongst it on a

in him cooled. British athletics came to expect too much as he had the world at his javelin boots at the turn of the decade. At 21, Backley was voted International Amateur Athletic Federation male world athlete of 1990.

"If I could take the No I slot again, I would be able to handle it better," Backley said. "At that age, I did not know what was going on. I went from being a student ranked fiftieth in the world to being No I and having to deal with contracts, travelling, press, lime-

Everybody was building me up and I pushed it and pushed it until my body broke down. I do not force the javelin any more, I flow with it. The rhythm of the event is very important and it was something I ignored."

Backley's nadir was 1993, when he finished fourth in the world championships and managed only two competi-tions because of a shoulder injury. Retirement crossed his mind. "I could not brush my teeth or sleep at night and, when it is serious enough to interfere with your day-to-day living, you think about quitting." he said.

"I could not lift my arm and I thought I was shadowing Fatima Whitbread's career — world record, European champion, Commonwealth champion, shoulder injury, stop. But that chapter is closed. What amuses me is that I have won Commonwealth and European gold, world and Olympic silver, and not been in great shape. There is another reason interest. That is what makes me think I can

> Another round of the Backley Challenge, this one at Bristol, sees him taking a keen interest in his event's future. The project to persuade young-sters to pick up a javelin has been going for five years, helping to produce English Schools champions. Sponsored by Apollo and Sportsmatch at £35,000 per annum, close to 100,000

> novices have been screened. Backley has with him a batch of postcards, picturing him with a javelin and personally autographed, to give away. Mostly, though, these postcards go abroad, to countries where the avelin is popular. "I get ten times more etters and requests for autographs from Finland and Germany than I do from England," he said. He has a lot of talking ahead of him.

ROWING

Redgrave four enters fray

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT, IN MUNICH

THE new Great Britain coxless four of Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell, which Redgrave hopes will bring his fifth Olympic gold in Sydney, makes its first international appearance at the inaugural Fisa Rowing World Cup regatta here today. More than 700 competitors

from 37 countries have entered the three-day event, and the attraction of the new competition is illustrated by the unusual early-season attendance of countries such as Australia, Canada, the United States and South Africa.

The second World Cup regatta will be in Paris, from June 20-22, with the finals in Lucerne. Switzerland. from July 11-13. The competition includes the 14 Olympic boat classes, and points gained at the three regattas will lead to World Cup champions in each class, and to an overall World Cup champion nation.

Britain has entries in ten of the 14 World Cup events and, like many other countries. there are new look combinations in post-Olympic year, with Redgrave and Pinsent's new venture inevitably drawing most interest. Another Olympic gold medal-winner, Greg Searle, has converted to sculling this year and will have a sterner test in Munich in the single than he had in Italy earlier this month, when he finished second behind Egyptian Ibrahim Ali.

Britain's more established female sculler, Olympic finalist Guin Batten, took gold and silver against strong opposition in Cologne a month ago and seems to have benefited from a winter's training in Hong Kong. She is still coached by Miles Forbes-Thomas but, since January. the rest of the British women's squad has been coached by Mike Spracklen, who has formed two quad sculls for the leading performers.

The lightweight men's squad is now under the control of Sean Bowden and the entry this weekend is headed in the World Cup by two experienced fours, one from London and the other from Nottingham. The Notting-ham crew includes Jim McNiven and Dave Lemon, who were members of the Olympic four. The British men's heavy-

weight eight, composed of London University, Imperial College and Leander members, has a youthful look, with seven medal-winners on board from the world under-23 championships last year. The coxiess pair selection, the preserve of Redgrave and Pinsent through the 1990s, has been taken over by two Atlanta performers, Rob Thatcher, who was Cracknell's doubles partner, and Ben Hunt-Davis, who was in

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HOCKEY

Davies in lead role for Britain

SIX of the players who lost the bronze medal play-off to Holland at the Olympic Games in Atlanta last year will be in the squad to play the Dutch in Great Britain's opening game at the Champions Trophy in Berlin on Sunday (a Correspondent writes).

England, who have been chosen to represent Britain at this tournament for the top six countries in the world, are using the event as part of their build-up to the World Cup qualifying competition in Harare, Zimbabwe, in August and will be led by a new captain.

Davies, who has 143 international caps for

England and Great Britain, admitted that meeting the Olympic champions, Australia, the highly-rated Korea, as well as Holland, Germany and United States will be a tough test for the younger English players.

However, she said: "We won't be approach-

ing our first game as revenge for what happened in Atlanta - it's just the first international in a tournament" GREAT BRITAIN: S Blants (Loicester), K Bowden (Leicester), Miller (Leicester), J Mould (Leicester), K Brown (Slough), Copetand (Slough), J Smith (Slough), T Culten (Hightown), C Repend (Careath Unit), Maraton-Smith (Cateri), H Rose (University of Massechuseus), Wright (Olion), M Deales (Sutton Coldield), J Stasmith (Suit Coldield), J St

TELEVISION CHOICE

In the shadows of the past

BBG2, 8.00pm

Thoughts that this series might turn into a promotion for the Welsh tourist board are rudely promotion for the Welsh tourist board are rudely dispelled in tonight's film, which focuses on a village lying in the shadow of Snowdon but sharing none of its glories. Demiolen once had but sharing none of its glories. Demiolen once had but sharing none of its glories. Demiolen once had but sharing none of its glories. On the community depended on an industry which employed 3,000 people. But the quarry closed in 1969 and today the village feels forform and forgotten. On a crumbling council estate, where most people are out of work and the disenchanted young turn to vandalism, the residents, led by a doughty housewife. Denise Williams, battle to improve their lot. It is left to the old timers to remember the better days, when the quarry provided not just jobs but a camaraderie that has been lost for good.

The Fast Show BBC2, 9.00pm

Many good things have been written about The Fast Show and particularly its leading lights, Paul Whitehouse and Charite Higgon, and there are many good things in it. And because it eschews topicality, it bears repeating. We are into the second showing of series two and even those who followed it joke by joke the first time round should still find much that is fresh. With more than 20 sketches packed into 30 minutes, it is a show that light the first time round afford the contract of the state o lives up to its title. Good or bad there is no danger of being bored. Inevitably there are mishits. The spoof football manager bombs because there are spool toutier transfer bombs because there are plenty of furnier examples of the real thing. But set against that are delicious parodies of Forrest. Gump and old radio shows and a saloon bar ignoramus holding forth on how to sort out crime.

Drovers' Gold BBC1, 9.30pm

They are the ingredients of scores of westerns: an epic cattle drive, good guys and bad guys and a couch of romance. But we are in Wales, not Hollywood, for Michael Chaplins five-part drama set in the 1840s. When tenant farmer Ruth (Geraldine James) is threatened with eviction by the evil landowner (John Standing), her son (Andrew Howard) gathers their herd together.

Celtic drovers at the ready (BBC1, 9.30)

recruits a motley band to share the journey and sets off for Smithfield market in London. The screenplay is not short of incident. Tonight's feature-length opener contains a rape, a suicide, an attack by bandits and a rift in the ranks over whether to drive the canle on a Sunday. Yet for all this activity, and solid support from such reliable veterans as David Calder, Freddie Jones and Robert Pught this well-made drama is just a shade lacking in pace and excitement.

Channel 4, 10.30pm

The furny thing about Harry Hill, among many furny things, is that a comedian with such marvellous visual props—the bald head, the thick marvellous visual props—the bald head, the thick glasses, the hige shirt collar—should come across so effectively on radio. There was a reminder only recently with the latest series of Harry Hill's Fruit Corner. It was the same with the Goons, from whom Hill has inherited a similarly anarchic and surreal sense of humour. But the Goons never translated effectively to television. Hill does. He was one of the best things in the otherwise disappointing Saturday Night Live last year and now he has his own TV series. Those familiar with the Fruit Corner can expect many of the same delights, including the old Nana, the adopted son who can only communicate through tapping, the relay of running gags, the verbal contorions and Burt Kwouk as stooge.

Kanso 4, 8-50pm.

There are some subjects which continue to absorb us even though they are impossible to resolve in any definitive way. One such is the ownership of treasures and tonight Sally Hardcastle reports on the legal minefield surrounding items which in many cases, let us face it, have been looted from overseas. There was some surprise when the incoming Labour Government announced in its first week that the Eigin Marbles would not be going back to Greece; but there are countless other artefacts in our museums—and in private hands—which have kept specialist lawyers in

hands — which have kept specialist lawyers in business for many years. Not the least of the problems in that laws in one country sometimes

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Law in Action

Radio 4, 8.50pm

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Bath International Music Festival

Radio 3, 7,300m

The 17-day Bath Festival is one of the leading arts the 17-day sam resoval is one of the reading arts events of summer and this year its organisers have been at pains to stress the restival's diversily, with music from most of the disciplines being featured. Tonight's live broadcast from the Assembly Rooms is however a mainstream programme, featuring two string quartets and one quintet. The former are by Haydin and Schoenberg and the quintet, after the interval, is by Brahms. The performers are the Endellion Carariet, who are the artists in residence Endellion Quartet, who are the artists in residence at this year's festival. The interval feature tonight, at 3.25 and also from the festival, presents a rare broadcast by Geoffrey Hill, who will be reading extracts from his last book of poems, Canaan, first heard at Poetry International last year.

RADIO 1

is Music Night 9.15 Limit Orders (8/5) 9.39 A Taste of Brass's 10.00 Sheriden Modey 11.00 The Jacques Loussier Trib-12.05eer Sue McGeny Incl at 2.30 Pause for Thought with

BADIO 5 LIVE

5.00ers Morring Reports 6.80 The Breakest Programmé 9.00-The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five-4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Edm 7.20 Friday Spot. Includes Leeds Phinore v Watrington Wolvels and Wigan Warntors v Paris Saint-Germáin in the Stones Super League 10.00 Paper Talk with Bristi Alacander and Usy Raynor, 11.00 News Edm 12.00 After Hours with Allan Beawick 2.00em Up All Night with Richard Deliyn

TALK RADIO

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sendy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Soot Chisholm 12.00 Lonsine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetims, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sponszone 10.00 Miles Allen 1.00em lan Golfins

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2.00pm Nicky Campbell, includes Afternoon Loueisest 4.00
Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 9.30 Pets Tong — Essential
Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 3.00em Charle Jostan

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CLASSIC FM

A.00mm Merk Grittins 7,00 Miles Reed 2,00 Holf of Ferne Hoor 10,00 Henry Kelly 1,00pm Concerto 3,00 Jerrile Crick 7,00 Newsright 7,30 Soneta 8,00 Evening Concert. Includes Mozari (A Muelcal Jole); Bruch (Molin Concerto No 1 in G minor, Op 26) 10,00 Michael Mappin 2,00mm Concerto (r)

VIRGIN BADIO

6.00mm Puss tr Jono's Breaktest Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horris 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Howard Paercs

RADIO 3

6.00cm On Air, with Penny Gore, includes Tchalkousity.

(Suite No 4 in G. Mozartina); Bax (Oboe Cuintet); Handel (Va col Carto, Cori Part 1); Chopin (Four Mazurtas, Op 17); Andrea Gebrief (Le Bathaglia, per Sona a 8); Copland (The Rad Pony);

9.00 Morning Collection, with Cartiona Young. Includes Smatterns (Blank, Mar Visst); Mozart (Piano Sonata in G); Strauss (Masserrose); Rochigo (Fantasia Para un Gentilhombre);

10.00 Musical Encounterns, with Mark Rowlinson, Includes Purcell (They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships, 257); Britter (Four Sea Intertudes); Schubert (Der Taucher); Lobe de Vega (Como-Retumban los Ramos); A. Forqueray, transcr. J.B. Forqueray (Sulfa No 5 in C minor, excerpts); Doviát (Schezo Capricolseo);

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Korngold

1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtine Concert. Chris de Souza Introduces a concert by London Baroque. Corelli (Clacona in G, Op 2 No 12; Trio Sonata in G, Op 1 No 8); Cottperin (L'Apothase de Corelli); Duphly (La Forqueray); Aubert (Sonata No 1 for two violins); Leclair (Sonata in B minor for two violins).

2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to the playwight Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to the playwight Passions. Audio and Rossin's Le duets from Verdi's Otalio and Rossin's Le

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3.00 Mining the Archive. Pless Button-Page introduces a programme about Rameau. Include excepts from the 1975 world premiers of Less Boréades, abandoned before the first performance in the 1760s, and excepts from Pièces de Cavecin en Concerts. With Jennifes Smith, Anne-Marie Rodde and Mary Beverley, sopranos, Philip Langridge and Jean-Claude

Order, tenors, Reimond Herinox and Thomas
Heneley, barkones, the Monteverdi Choir and
Ordrestra; under John Eliot Gardiner

8 Music Machine. Young Composers' Workshop.
Verity Sharp follows the progress of Scotil
Kennedy-French as he writes a piece for members
of the BBC Philharmonic.

8 Im Tune. Presented by Jeremy Nicholas. Includes
Wallace (Overture: Maritana); Mozart (Horn
Outriet in Effat, K407); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony In
Eminor, Wq178); Arensky (Pirso Trio In D minor,
Op 32).

Culnet in Effet, K407); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in Edisor; Wq178); Arensky (Pirso Trio in Diminor. Op 32).

7.30 Beth International Music Feelitesi. See Choice 9.20 Bruce Chatatric Utz. Read by Anthony Hyde (5/5) 8.45 Hear and Now. Andrew Spering presents a concert of postwar and post-well German music. John Orford, bessoor; Rosemeny Hardy, soprano; Andre Wilne; speeler; London Sinfonieita under Martus Stenz. Woligang Ritum (Pursued Form, first UK performance); Detiev Glaner (Gestalt, first UK performance); Filter (Abschiedsstrücke, first UK performance); Filter (Abschiedsstrücke, first UK performance); Heiner Goebbels (La Jalousie) 11.30 Composer of the Weelt: Handel (f) 12.50mm Jazz at la Lee. The second of three programmes in which Met Hill explores the life and work of the legendary singer Pepgy Lee, who celebrated fier 77th birthday this week (f) 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod. Includes 1.00 Bach (Cartatas Nos 214, 209, 204 and 216) 2.55 Besthoven (Symphony No 8 in F); Zeminsky (Lyric Symphony) 4.15 Laszlo Szendry, Karper, guitar, performs music by Johnan Mertz 4.40 Mozart (Symphony No 38 in 8 fist, Kat19, Vorret, Spiegervi, Oh Dio, K418; Overture: Bester Jüngling, Der Schauspieldirektor)

RADIO 4

5am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.45 Speak After the Beep

After the Beep

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to the actress Sien Philips (r)

9.45 The Truth is Our Currency. The third of four programmes about television news. Martin Bell, MP, looks at the big money side of International news gathering and asks whether television can retain its integrity

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6.00 Stx O'Clock Henrs 6.30 Growing Spaces, P Growing Spaces, Professor David Stevens visits the new Royal Horticultural Society show in Scotland and Edil Stark examines the popularity of

7.00 News 7.05 The Archera
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7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television.
8.05 Any Questions? Jonatian Dynbleby chairs the topical debate from Carinock, Staffyrdshire, with remaining including the writer and Journalist Bea panellets including the writer and fournellets lead Campbell, the broadcaster and columnist David Mellor, Baroness Perry, president of Lucy Cavandish College; and Professor Robert

Cavendish College; and Professor Robert
Wirston, Labour peer and hertility expert

8.50 Law in Action. See Choice

9.16 Letter from America. Another sice of life
Stateside served up by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaledoscope, Feeture: The Deane Audi Dench
Inferview The celebrated actress talks to Paul
Alish as sife begins a new role in Devid Hare's
play, Any's View at the National Theatre in
London (i)

10.00 The Woold Tonight, with Robin Lustin

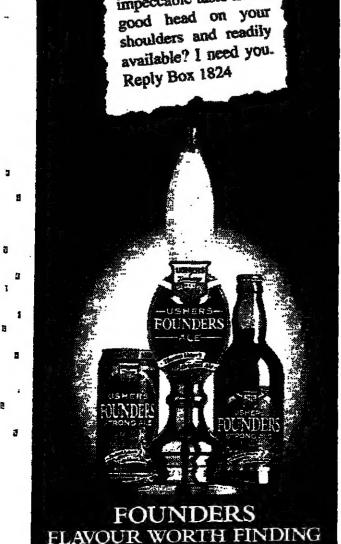
10.45 Book at Beddimer A. Month is the Country, by
J. L. Carr. Read by Samuel West (5/6) (1)

11.00 Week Endings A satirical book at the week's newe
With Jon Glover, Selly Grace, Deve Lamb and
Sereh Parlenson

11:25 Fourth Column. Presented by Times columnist
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Italy Latters from Another Time. Michael Goldlarb
reflects on New York
12.00 News 1/230 The Late Boole The Wile's Tale.
by Barbara Mercer, Read by Joanna Morro (2/2)
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ARE YOU pint sized

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came to bury Bodyguards (ITV), really I did. Since its moderately bright opening a month ago, my weekly rendezvous with the boys and girls of the Close Protection Group has become less and less of a priority. Poor characterisation, indifferent plots and the gradual realisation that, while DIs Shaw (Louise Lombard) and Worrell (Sean Pertwee) are easy on the eye they are rubbish at their jobs, had tried my patience too often. Last night was its last chance. And, dammit, it got one. But before I lapse into eulogy let's not get carried away. The problems are still there and the biggest of them all is Shaw and

Worrell, the central couple on which so much rides. And falls. Individually, Lombard and Pertwee are both fine actors, but in coming together for Bodyguards they are less than the sum of their parts. That, however, is not all their fault. The directors and

hard on getting the expensive whizz-bangs of counter-intelligence right that they have neglected the need to create some genuine personality. The result? Shaw and Worrell don't have any. In fact, if there's a duller pair of coppers this side of Crime Travel-

ler I'll eat next week's Wokenwoll Then there's the dialogue, Last night. Worrell was sitting in a safehouse guarding a traitor (as you do) and trying to write a birthday card to his daughter. Given that Gemma's mother, Worrell's former wife, was shot dead in front of her in episode one, you'd think even the most committed career policeman would make a special effort, but no - a card would do. "Somehow I'm never really there for the moments that matter," he whined. Anyway, with that he posted it in a letter-box, which a few minutes later was blown up by a KGB double agent, and the

out of the fact that the birthday card would have got blown up, too. It's the small things that matter.

ut last night the big things b were so good, you could almost forgive the deficiencies of the subplots. At last, John Shrapnel had the heavyweight plot and the heavyweight supporting cast to make sense of his rather theatrical performance as Commander MacIntyre. Leading that east was Michael Williams. who for one night only (sadly) swapped light comedy for high treason but called on the same reserves of affable charm to play Maurice Boyd who, until he defected to the Russians, was very big at MI6. Cleverly, Williams made Boyd so likeable a traitor that we could all share the same sense of betrayal that MacIntyre, a growling about so deeply.

REVIEW



Bond

Anyway. Boyd had been allowed back to Britain to bury his recently deceased granddaughter and it was CPG's job to stop anybody such as MI6 or distinguished Oxford academics who are really recruiting officers for the KGB from killing him. For once, they managed it (hurrah?), helped it must be said by somewhat improbable displays of insight by Macintyre (when it comes to car-

bon tetrachloride in oil sumps or bombs in coffins he's your manj and lots of deverly maintained tension from Julian Jones, the writer. The building-blocks of plot may have been culled from newspaper headlines, but he'd put this particular set together quite beautifully. Right down to the explosive twist at the end.

Over on BBC2, Tracks returned for a new series, looking more like a trendy biology or geography lesson than ever. A couple of new presenters, some wobbly new camera angles and there you have it: natural history for those who weren't paying attention the first time. Or missed Blue Peter when Graham Dangerfield told us the differences between frogs and

Two things were missing last night - three if you count Pete McCarthy, whose much heralded arrival from Channel 4's Travelog has yet to materialise. The first

was any item that made you think: yes, I'd like to have a go at that. In a series designed to help us all embrace the great outdoors this seemed an important failing. The second was a distinct feeling that what we were watching was seriously prerecorded. But then snowdrops in May do tend to be a bit of a give-away, don't they?

7 ith nobody taking the role of main presenter. the overall result is a curiously lifeless programme that is probably the exact opposite of what its energetic young team intended. What it needed was topicality, somebody just to say nice weather we're having, so why don't you go out and try ..."
Instead, we had Nick Fisher doing his bit for amber collecting. With McCarthy not yet on

board, the nearest the programme has to a star is Ray Mears, a man who can survive in all weathers

but doesn't seem to have learnt how to shave in any of them. Last night he went for a walk in Surrey. the county where he first got interested in bushcraft. And his number one survival tip? Never cook a sausage on a stick from the

Wayfaring tree.
Finally, All at Sea set sail on Channel 4 and left me feeling precisely that. The Carnival Destiny is one of those huge but characterless cruise-liners, built in Italy to transport overweight Americans around the Caribbean. The fact that it has one or two Brits among its multi-ethnic crew does not an unmissable series make. Still, it had its moments, among them the youth director with the customer-relation skills of a cornered rattlesnake and the Latin American and Caribbean waiting staff, who marked the ship's first Thanksgiving dinner by massacring God Bless America. Land of the what-was-it?

6.00am Business Breakfast (57295) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (45363) 9.00 Breakfast News Edra (T) (3533672) 9.20 Style Challenge (6084189) 9.45 Kilroy (7339837)

10:30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (97653) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7173382) 11.05 The Great Escape (T) (7530382) 11.35 Real Rooms (6902896) 12.00 News (T) and weather (8700653) 12.05cm Call My Bluff (8455059) 12.35 Mary Berry at Home (9896059) 1.00 News (T) and weather (48450) 1.30 Regional News (86123672) 1.40 The Weather Show (99309059) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (40212301) 2.10 Quincy (6051363)

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7.30 Top of the Pops presented by the Spice Girls (1) (295)

8.00 X Cara Cameras follow two officers from Manchester police's Vehicle Crime Unit as they pursue a stolen articulated long and assist in a bust on a drugs dealer (r) (1) (1818)

8.30 A Question of Sport with guests England rugby union captain Pivil de Glarwifie, 400m runner Iwan Thomas, Sunderland striker Niali Quinn and yachtsman Ben Ainslie (T) (3653) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 CHOICE Drover's Gold Part one of a about Celtic cowboys driving cattle from Wales to London in the 19th century With Geraldine James (1) (3761063)

10.25 Fatal Instinct (1993) Spoot of Hollywood erotic thrillers, with Armand Assante as a suave cop-turned-lawyer who finds he may have bitten off more than he can chew in the shape of three luscious terrimes tatales, played by Sean Young, Kala Nottigan and Sheniyn Fenn Decked by Carl Reiner (T) (4362924) WALSS: 10.25 The Gert Escape (575:63) 10.55 FiLM. Falal Instruct (1993) (18063081) 12.50-2.18em FiLM: The Baby (1973)

12.20am The Baby (1973) Chiller with Ruth
Roman and Anjanette Corner Tragedy
strikes a social worker who develops an
unhealthy obsession with the case of a woman whose fully-grown son has the mind of a toddfer. Directed by Ted Post

1,45 Weather (3673677)

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Gernstar Development Ltd. 6.00am Open University: Psychology in Action: Personnel Selection (8809127) 6.25 Why Care? (8889634) 6.50 Population Transition in Italy (8379547)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3261837) 7.30 Adventures of the Garden Fairles (3700030) 7 35 Tales of the Tooth Faines (3709301) 7.40 Eek! the Cat (3797566) 7.50 Burned Treasure (1583924) 8.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (8313837) 8.35 Young People's Specials (3667721) 9.00 The Raccoons (99011) 9.30 Sweet 9.00 The Haccooks (9011) 9.30 SWeet Valley High (5892276) 9.55 Poddington Peas (3490189) 10.00 Telehabbies (30943) 10.30 The Adventures of Skippy (95295) 11.00 Today's Gourmet (42276) 12.00 Making Tracks. Last in series (86547) 12.30pm Working Lunch (13189) 1.00 Garden Fairles (85137276) 1.05 Tooth

1.10 Summer Stock (1950) Musical, starring
Judy Garland and Gene Kelly. A ternale
tarmer is bitten by the showbiz bug
Directed by Charles Walters (68739450) 3.00 News (T) and weather (6858653)

3.05 Making Babies (8442634) 3.55 News (5944127) 4.00 Blockbusters (5921276) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (5924363) 4.55 Esther (1829189) 5.30 Today's the Day (160) 6,00 The Simpsons (598295) \$.20 Star Trek Kirk becomes the victim of a dark force (257030)

7.10 Great Railway Journeys Hollywood screenwriter and actor Buck Henry braves the notorious Argentinian ra system as he travels from Buenos Aires to



Sir Anthony Hopkins narrates (8.00)

8.00 CHOICE Visions of Snowdonia The work of a woman campaigning to improve conditions on her council

9.00 CHOICE The Fast Show Quickfire comedy (r) (T) (4127)

9,36 Game On Matt finally ventures out of the house with the gay psychologist Jason (r) (T) (26653)

current affairs quiz, hosted by Angus Deayton with team captains lan Histop and Paul Merton. The cuests are Michael Parkinson and Martin Clunes (87276) 10.30 Newsmight With Kristy Wark (T) (763059)

12.40am Cup Final (1991) with Moshe lvgi and

8.30 Gardeners' World Gay Search tours a London garden: Alan Trichmarsh plants water Illies (T) (1295)

10.00 Have I Got News for You Satrical

11.15 Space: Above and Beyond (708382) 12.00 This Life (r) (T) (4279677)

Muhamad Bacri A heartwarming tale set against the Israeli Invasion of Lebanon in 1932 charting the relationship which develops between a member of the PLO and an Israeli prisoner during the World Cup finals. Directed by Eran Riklis In Arabic with Hebrew and English sublities

6.00am GMTV (4186030) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6092108) 9.55 Regional News (T) (3410943) 10.00 The Time, the Place (34769)

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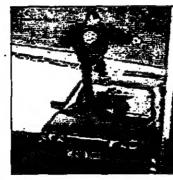
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Where's Wally? (4541450) 4.40 Crazy Cottage (9950943) 5.10 A Country Practice (7445769) 5.40 News (1) and weather (668585) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (402382) 6.25 HTV Weather (388363

6.30 The West Tonight (1) (479) 7.00 Lucky Numbers Game show hosted by Shane Richle (T) (7586) 7.30 Coronation Street Natalie

confession to Kevin (1) (363) 8.00 The Bill A hit-and-run incident leaves Rawton and Boulton at loggerheads over their priorities (T) (9214)

8.30 See You Friday Greg and Lucy finally meet up at his best friend's birthday celebrations and, as their relationship is est secret (T) (8721)



9.00 Kids Behaving Badly Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan host an hour-long debate on lawlessness among some sections of Britain's youth (8295) 10.00 News (T) and weather (66130)

A delinquent youth at play (9.00pm)

10.30 Regional News (121189) 10.40 Sounds of the West: Punk to Avant Garde Tracing the development of punk in Bristol's clubs (305672)

11.15 Streets of Gold (1986) with Klaus Mana Brandauer, Adrian Pasdar and Wesley Snipes Drama about a former Russian boxer in New York who kicks his drink habit, trains two naw young lighters in order to take revenge on his lormer trainer Directed by Joe Roth (775479) 12.40am Bonkers (T) (4754948)

1.40 Club Nation (T) (5610832) 2.45 Young Einstein (1989) starring and directed by Yahoo Senous, with Odile Le

humble beginnings (439306) 4.20 Phenomena (63938493)

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2.15 Baywatch (6267986) 3.05 Cyber Cafe (49877851) 3.30 Helter Skelter (2131257) 4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (9466561) 5.20 Asian Eye (8502851)

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with Emlyn Williams, Edith Evans and, in
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property developer who returns to his childhood village valley, determined to have it flooded to make a reservoir. Directed by Emlyn Williams (34835818) 3.30 Moving People (r) (T) (585) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (932) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1786566) 4.55 Rickl Lake (T) (1847585)

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7.50 Best of Brass The All England Master Brass Band Championship (282160) 8.00 Gerden Party The experts visit the one-acre garden of a Leicestenshire bungalow (T) (7856)

8.30 Brookside A revenge attack has a devastating effect on Jacqui. Max and Susannah steel themselves to say a fina tarewell to Matthew and Emily (T) (6383) 9.00 Cybili After persuading one daughter to live in her own apartment, Cybill now has

to cope with her next daughter (1) (9295) 9.30 Spin City: Deaf Becomes Her The mayor's inept new sign-language inter-preter manages to insult the city's entire deal community (T) (11721)

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12.35am Robin Adult animation (9299651) 12.40 Yield to the Night (1956, b/w) with Diana Dors as a condemned woman contemplating the events that led to her being sentenced to death. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (T) (616986)

2.30 Dr Crippen (1963, b/w) with Doneld Pleasence, Samantha Eggar and Coral Browne. A largety factual account of how Crippen murdered his wife and tried to escape to Canada with his mistress. Directed by Robert Lynne (649696) 4.20 Stopover Forever (1964, b/w) with Ann Bell as an air hostess who becomes the target of a murderer. Directed by Frederic

Goode (4404603) 5.45-6.00 Sesame Street (r) (4833966) CHANNEL 5

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Alec Guinness, Burl Ives and Noël Coward. Comic tale of espionage. Directed by Carol Reed (8277547)

5.30 100 Per Cent (9746301) 6,00 Whittle (T) (9743214) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack lets a secret out of the bag (T) (9734566)

7.00 Exclusive (1861437) 7.30 Wildlife SOS A seagul receives attention before being released back into the wild, and a very if lox is rescued by volunteers

8.00 Attractions Tim Vincent highlights some of Edinburgh's lesser-known attractions. Red or Dead designer Wayne Hemingway previews two exhibitions on British lashlon (5586045)



Kim Basinger as Karen McCoy (9.00)

9.00 The Real McCoy (1993) starring Kim. Basinger, Val Kilmer and Terence Stamp. A temale cat burglar makes a concerted effort to go straight on her ratease from jail. Directed by Flussell Mulcahy (1561301) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5306276)

11.40 Club Class Cabaret show (5717585) 12.10am News and Sport (6156325) 12.15 Bedroom Eyes (1989) with William Katt, Catherine Oxenberg and Cyd Charlese. Comic tale of an advertising executive's

search for a model to represent a struggling swimwear company. Directed by Chris Thomson (7392677) 2.00 Police Story: The Freeway Killings (1987) with Angle Dicknson and Richard Creens. A team of detectives track down a pair of cold-blooded sadists. Directed

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4649677) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2989561)

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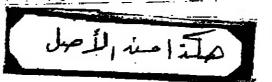
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England coach appeals to league

Hoddle to ask leading clubs for extra time

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

about how he, and they,

viewed his sixth victory in

seven matches as the England

been able to speak to them post-match," he said. "It's

always been very difficult before. They tend to disappear

very quickly.
"If we were able to put back

the Premiership games to a Sunday, after an internation-

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day. He is believed to have

ignored late interest from

English dubs, including

Manchester United. The Ital-

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had been attracted by Rang-ers' plans and by the regulari-

ty with which they qualify for

the club has been enhanced

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earlier this year.

"It was the first time I've

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, is gradually becoming acclimatised to the demands of international football management, yet one thing still frustrates him after a year in the job: the lack of time that he can spend with his players. Now, with the assistance of the Football Association and the FA Premier League, he is hoping to solve

Hoddle is reasonably content with the duration of the pre-match training camps and squad get-togethers. What irks him is the fact that his players return to their clubs so swiftly after midweek games. At present, they either leave the same evening or early the next morning. There is little time for any debriefing. Hoddle is seeking an extra

day with his squad, on the Thursday after a midweek fixture, and is asking the Premier League to consider putting back the subsequent FA Carling Premiership programme by 24 hours, from Saturday to Sunday. It would, he argues. also give the players an extra day to recover.

Hoddle said that he experienced a unique luxury after the 2-1 victory against South

RANGERS have once again

revealed the extent of their

ambitions by demonstrating

the depth of their pockets

(Kevin McCarra writes). The

Scottish club yesterday spent

£3.95 million on the defender

Lorenzo Amoruso, from Fiorentina, and £1.75 million

on Stale Stensaas, a left back

from Rosenborg Trondheim.

in a much-altered team.

David Murray, the Rangers

chairman, has said that there

could be nine signings this

Amoruso, 25, had attracted

the interest of several clubs.

but Rangers moved with alac-

rity, having opened discus-

The two players will feature

the

or or

Rangers act swiftly

to capture Amoruso

Africa at Old Trafford on Saturday. With the players remaining together because of their World Cup group two qualifying tie against Poland in Katowice tomorrow, he everything properly. was able to talk with them

So far, it has drawn a cool response. "We have been asked to look at this matter by respond to it in due course."

land having to compete in a two-legged play-off, later this year, in the World Cup qualifying series.

"I don't really feel under any more pressure than I did in my first game," Hoddle said before the squad left for Katowice. "Everyone is saying that this is my biggest game but they're all big. The next game is always the biggest."

had a few stern words," he said. "It wasn't how I wanted it done. We didn't give Poland the respect we should have. Since then, if the players don't do the things I want, they could find themselves out of the team. In that respect, it Lewis, took up new shares, worth £40 million, in the club was a positive thing to come out of the game.

we've got to punish them."

al, then I could have the Thursday with the players. They can come back to the hotel, relax, eat the right things and we can address "It benefits us and it surely

benefits the club managers, too. It's an idea which is only in its infancy, but we're already talking to the Premier

the FA," a Premier League spokesman said. "We will Logistically, it is unlikely to happen. The Premier League has already allowed for five spare Premiership weekends next season, which does not include the possibility of Eng-

Hoddle will still try, even if it proves fruitless. It illustrates his determination to gain every advantage available as England attempt to reach the World Cup finals. Poland, tomorrow, is the next hurdle to

Poland 2-1 at Wembley in October and, for once, he allowed his usually calm exterior to slip. "He was as angry as he's likely to get," Gareth Southgate, the Aston Villa defender, said yesterday. "He wasn't shouting but we got the

Hoddle remembers, too. "

Poland are tough, they like to man-mark, but I'm confident we can beat them again. They can't afford to be negative, they will have to come at us. When they do, that's when



Hingis holds nerve in close encounter

FROM ROB HUGHES IN PARIS

ON THE fourth day of the French Open, the army of big men kept pounding down their serves under a relentless power, this grunting masculinity. So let us look the other way, for vesterday was given its true drama and fascination by the women.

Three 16-year-olds, each of a different nationality, each different in shape and size and even colour, were playing the tennis of tomorrow. Martina Hingis, the Czech girl who has taken Swiss nationality, visited self-doubt for the first time in this extraordinary year, in which she is unbeaten after 37 matches. The world No I. Hingis was a set down and 4-3 down to Gloria Pizzichini. when the Italian, on the brink of the upset of the tournament, double-faulted, and with that loss of nerve allowed Hingis to find her rhythm and

ultimately to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Hingis then took the media conference in her stride, smiled her winning smile, and .

even responded to a question that implied she was not moving as fluently as normal. Had she put on a couple of kilos while convalescing from

her knee surgery?
"Extra kilos!" she pouted. "I pretty tight, I wouldn't be very happy to look like a pig out there. To tell you the truth, I' didn't have the eye for the ball; I wasn't anticipating on the court the way I usually do. It happens. It was a game of tennis, and I thanked God when she [Pizzichini] double-

After that, Hingis found the rhythm and will to take her through to her next match, against Anna Kournikova. The Russian, a few months younger than Hingis, had also eliminated an Italian, Sandra Cecchini, easing through 6-2.

Kournikova, who is very self-composed, says, with almost programmed, measured tones, that she can have no hang-ups about facing the unbeaten world No 1. "I mean, I have played No I before, I played Steffi," she countered. referring to Stelli Graf who, all of 28, is still winning matches on the Paris clay, and not looking ready just yet to step aside for the new generation. "Steffi came here young once, you know." Kournikova of mischief in her cold Russian

Hingis v Kournikova in the third round is the future, and sometimes as one watches this pampered, precocious and just

occasionally petulant breed of teenaged tennis stars, one wishes that they haid spent longer in the playground than on the playing courts, where up to 16,000 people at Roland Garros expect perfection

Hingis had even bordered on petulance when she twice questioned dubious line calls during her mini-trauma against Physichini. The French crowd whistled her down, cheered her opponent to the very end.

Later, in an exhausting encounter on Centre Court, Venus Williams proved just as fallible as many envious and 24 minutes of tenacioius, wonderful, sometimes errorridden combat with Nathalie Tauziat, the 29-year-old Frenchwoman who was playing on the Centre Court here when Williams was a schoolchild a child indeed of a

Californian ghetto. millionairess, on a fast track that has left Tauziat behind. But something quite stirring was taking place. In a country where the National Front gains worrying support by offering to repatriate immi-grants the Frenchwoman whom the home supporters were willing to victory yesterday was actually born, and lived the first eight years of her life-in the Central African 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

pens to be white, she combines the instinct of the African to play to the extremes of concentration and competitive might. people would like to see her. tration and competitive might. She was besten in two hours with the Gallic touch on a tennis court. But she had to scirry around the court, to retrieve and repel enormous power, to show willpower that taxed every nerve and

> -It was an absorbing compelling contest: Williams, who knows no other way than to play every point flat out, against Tauziat, who has the wiles and the experience, locked together in unremitting sport. And the crowd cheered both with equal enthusiasm. When Williams won the first set, they became a little subdued, when Tauziat came back in the second, they were roused, and at the end they gave equally to the contestants. Tauziat had prevailed

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Doubts over pitch may prompt England to expand Test squad Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on the

best Test team in the world, a side they have failed to overcome in more undermining the confidence of England's approach to the Ashes series more than a strip of turf in Birmingham. Tomorrow, the selectors must pick a team for the first Test with only the faintest idea of how the Edgbaston pitch might perform.

Circumstance has not been kind to England's new and pro-active management team. In their first home Test, with a chance to show that this country is as adept as the opposition at maximising their own conditions, they have come up against the most unpredictable square in England and a club paranoid about further criticism.

Warwickshire, the host county, are understandably neurotic after being given an unambiguous warning by the Test and County Cricket Board last year that their Test pitches must improve. The last two Tests on the ground finished before lunch on the third and fourth day respectively, and the club, faced with a possible diminution of stahis, is intent on presenting a match that lasts the distance. Warwickshire have em-

ployed Ron Allsopp, whose

skill with the Trent Bridge

pitches was of legendary sta-

tus, to assist their own

groundsman, Steve Rouse, in

preparing the Test strip. Har-

ry Brind, the pitches adviser to the England and Wales Crick-

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attempts to maximise home advantage

so too, no doubt, has the Warwickshire chief executive, Dennis Amiss, Only time will tell if they have got it right, but the signs are not reassuring. ; Recent county pitches at Edgbaston will have tempted England to play four seam bowlers. Mike Gatting, a Test selector, who captained Middlesex against Warwickshire last week, is believed to have recommended as much. Now, however, there is conflicting

officials yesterday forecasting that the pitch will start white, dry and lacking in pace.

David Lloyd, the England coach, visited Edghaston yesterday and discovered that the Test pitch, open to the elements over recent weeks, had been flooded again on Monday but had since lightened in colour significantly. If the prevailing weather continues, may encourage the use of two spin bowlers, though nei-ther Lloyd nor anyone else

evidence, with Warwickshire

was willing to bet upon it. The pitch has not been used for a Test match in the past ten years. It was last employed in the county championship in August of 1995, a game in which batsmen dominated and the bulk of wickets were taken by spinners. Such a surface is not what England would choose for their initial meeting with Shane Warne and Australia but the situation

Nobody can blame Warwickshire for their cautious attitude. After two unsuitable pinches, it is a matter of selfcan be sure they are capable of producing the surface they desire. For the past two sea-sons, they have finished seventeenth of 18 in the merit table of championship pitches.

The two surfaces used for championship games at Edebaston so far this season have both been assessed as "below average" by the un-pires. In the first game, against Yorkshire, the ball turned appreciably and there was uneven bounce. Even Nick Knight, the home cap-

Lloyd: visited Edghaston

misread the pitch.

Edgbaston, in common with other Test grounds, has been visited during the spring by David Graveney and Mike Denness, respectively the new chairmen of selection and pitches committees. Graveney explains the discussion process simply. We have told preservation. Equally, nobody each ground roughly what wa would like to play on, given normal weather, but in each case we understand that it is their own domain. There has been nothing heavy handed."

It would not have worked at Edgbaston anyway, as Graveney well knows and the guesswork involved in estimating conditions next Thursday will convince the selectors to name an expanded squad of. 13, or even 14. The England manage

committee yesterday an-nounced winter tour appoint-ments, naming John Emburey as assistant to Lloyd for the senior team's trips to Sharjah, in December and in the Caribbean from January to April. The position of tour manager remains, intriguing-

Graham Gooch is to manage the England A side visit to Kenya and Sri Lanka between December and March, with Gatting coach. The under-19 team, which will compete in the Youth World Cup in South Africa in January, will have Phil Neale as manager and John Abrahams as coach.

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